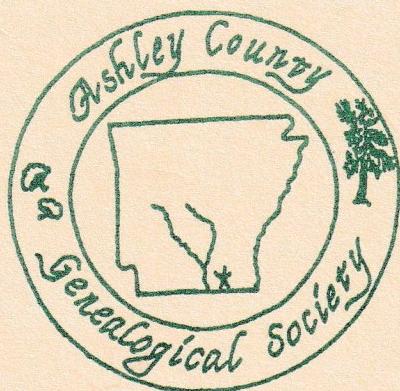


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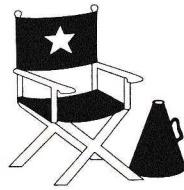
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President's Message



My first priority for this new year as president of ACGS has been to send information about our society and its publications to Desmond Walls Allen to be included in the new edition of the Arkansas Genealogical Resource Directory. I am really proud of our group and the work that has been done in the past and will be done in the future. For this task, and other reasons, I had to find a copy of our by-laws (Objectives). Here is a condensed version: The objectives of the Society will be to increase interest in genealogical research, to instruct and encourage members in the art and practice of research, to acquaint members with sources of material of Ashley County and elsewhere, to serve as a medium for the exchange of information, to aid local libraries in the maintenance and acquisition of historical and genealogical materials and; my favorite; to promote the collection, preservation and utilization of material of genealogical value. These are tremendous objectives and they weren't written just to sound good. If you have looked at even one page of a census for a county on microfilm, you can appreciate the job of copying a complete census for a county and getting it ready to publish. Only those who have walked through cemeteries hunting and cleaning headstones, trying to put down correctly the names and dates can know how valuable a cemetery record really is. I am grateful to our organization and others like it who have given us these sources of family information.

In any club or society there are always leaders who take on the hard jobs and manage to get them done, but I think this group is different (or should be). Many of us are beginners in genealogy, but we are all researchers and we can all share our findings. Rebecca needs material to put in our quarterlies. We can all help with articles of interest, family sheets, old letters that tell about life in earlier days or tips to help others in their research. Don't wait to be asked, call Rebecca or send her the material. Those members who live out of town, even out of state, can help with this.

There are several new projects that we're working on. There will be a need for people to copy records or inventory cemeteries for a supplement to our cemetery book. We only have five months left in this ACGS year. We need to make them count.

The job of President of ACGS has been easy with so many people to help except for one thing. I really do not like Robert's Rules of Order. I don't know who Robert is or was, but I wish he had written fiction or poetry or something besides these rules of order. Thank goodness for Blanche or Bill Finch who try to keep me legal. Our by-laws say to use the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order as the Parliamentary Authority in our meetings. Can you imagine, there's more than one edition! We need to get Robert interested in genealogy. You know he'd never have time for another edition if he gets hooked on family research.

I'll be looking for you at the meetings, stay warm and pray for **no** ice storms.

Mary Spainhour

A Brief Sketch of Some Early Settlers and Residents of Fountain Hill, Arkansas

Submitted by Frank Elmer Denson, Jr.

Letters of M. V. B. Sparks

To Elizabeth and Shadrack Denson, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas:

Fountain Hill Academy, April 14, 1856

Dear Brother and Sister:

I am sorry that it is so that I have to address you by letter, but we are so distant from each other that our conversations must now be made with paper, pen and ink, and I for first time have seated myself for that purpose.

I have delayed writing you for some time on account of having no news, and I have nothing much worth relating now, but, have concluded that I had better write what I have, anyhow, than never to write at all.

I am still at the same place; not having succeeded in finding employment elsewhere. I did not go to Jackson on account of there not being much business to do there in Mr. Simm's office. He was elected again, but the court of which he is clerk is abolished; and consequently he has nothing to do but to wind up the business of the office.

Mr. McDennott and Lady did not succeed in getting a school at this place, this year, sufficiently large to suit them, and they have moved to Egypt, and are preparing as fast as possible to get off to Texas. In consequence of their going off the people of Fountain Hill were without a teacher and they made choice of me to teach for them; which I was unwilling to do, but they insisted so that I did not feel at liberty to refuse; and so I am now teaching the school; I commenced on Monday the 24th of March and have in for ten months. My price is \$1.50 a scholar, per month. At present I have 14 scholars, but I have no doubt but what I shall have more than I can attend to, and even with what few I have already, I am making \$20 a month, which is more than I can make on our old rocky, worn out plantation. I am boarding at John Stuart's in order that I may be convenient to the school house, or I stay there from Monday morning till Friday evening and at home the balance of the week. I need not think of staying from home all the time for I believe it would run Ma crazy. She is as glad to see me of a Friday evening as if I had been to California, and says that I ought to come every Wednesday night, that it is too long a time for me to be gone all the week and she not see me. She want to see you so bad that at times it appears she will make us get ready and go to Texas anyhow.

Elizabeth, I wish you could be at our old place a little while now, for I think it looks prettier than I ever have seen it before. The fruit trees are all in full bloom and the vegetation putting forth every where makes it look most beautiful, and I think if you could see it, it would remind you so much of some of the springs you have spent at it.

I was at the burial of **Billy Bull**¹ last Wednesday week. I set up with the night before he died and at that time I had no idea of his dying so soon, for he had his strength than and did not appear to be low at all. But he was delirious all the time and died in that condition.

Alexander Deal² and **Margaret West** after such a long courtship were at last married; on 17th January I believe.

Joshua Terrell has not been able to do anything since last fall. In lifting a basket of cotton he over-strained himself some way and has not been able to do any work since, and it is doubted whether he ever will be or not. He has to have his crop made this year and Adeline is such a tyrant that he can hardly get any person to stay with him any length of time. I just wish you could hear old Ned talk about her when he comes down to preaching. He tells more and more bad tales every time. But I do not think it proper for me to relate them here. I have said too much already.

Mary Hammack is signed to my school and I expect she will start in a few days. I reckon she thinks she will win we over then. I have not been in her company but once since you were here and she did her best to gain my affections then, but all in vain.

I believe I have nothing more to write, and in fact I have not room to write much more. I am well, and they were all well at home when I left there Monday morning. You must pardon bad writing and confused and unplain language for this had been written in a hurry and in time of school and I have been pestered and perplexed all the time I have been writing it.

You must not fail to write me as soon as you get this. Give all news and a general history of you country and how you think it would suit me, for I expect to try it before long, for I know Pa intends to move there if he possibly can. I wish to be remembered by you all, and would be exceeding glad to see you.

You Brother for I don't say that I am very affectionate.

Van Buren Sparks

¹**Billy Bull** was a son of **Ambrose** and **Sara Maxwell Bull**.

²**Alexander Deal** was **M.V.B.Spark's** first counsin and a son of **Lemarcus Deal**.

(Editor's Note: **Margaret West** was the daughter of **James** and **Elizabeth West** of Ladell, Drew County, Arkansas. They married at her father's home.)

The recipients of the above letter by **Martin Van Buren Sparks** were married Christmas Day 1851 in Ashley County by her uncle **Lemarcus Deal**, J.P. **Elizabeth Sparks** was 17 and **Shadrack (Shade) Denson** was nineteen, per Marriage Book AA, page 17A. She was the daughter of **Samuel W. Sparks, Sr.** and **Sara Deal Sparks**. Shade was the son of **Isaac** and **Cassandra Denson** who lived near the Sparks farm at Fountain Hill. It was at **Isaac Denson's** house that the first Ashley County Courts were held.

Shade and Elizabeth had moved from Ashley County to Texas by ox cart and stopped in Williamson County to make a crop before moving on to Lampasas, Texas. Shade enlisted as a 2nd Lieutenant in Company D, 17th Texas Infantry, Allens Regiment, Fortneys Brigrade, Army of the Confederacy on 22 April 1862 and served until end of the Civil War, at which time he was a Captain. From 1870 to 1874, he served as sheriff of Lampasas County during the time of the deadly fuds and local defiance of the Reconstruction Government in Texas. He was shot, but not killed, in the line of duty by **Mark Short**. He carried the bullet unit it eventually caused his death.

Sam Denson, Shade's son, swore he would kill **Short** and did so. After killing, he fled to Montana and was a rach foreman using the name **McGatlin**, part of the time on a ranch owned by his uncle John. After twenty-five years, he returned to Texas, stood trial and was acquitted. By then all the witnesses were dead but one, a man who testified he had heard Short say he would kill **Sam Denson** some time. Sam made and lost a lot of money in the cattle business. Enormous water rights he tied up are in effect today.

The **Denson's** reply to her brother's letter must have praised Texas, as the rest of the **Sparks** family moved to Lampasas in 1857.

Shade and Elizabeth Denson are buried in the Sparks-Denson Cemetery; a small cemetery with about 18 graves, two of which are family dogs. After 130 years, the Denson house is still lived in and is recorded as a Texas Historical Landmark. A plaque on one of the chimneys, states that Shade built the house in the Civil War era and proclaims his service as a confederate soldier and sheriff of Lampasas County in trying times.

John Sparks, Elizabeth Denson's younger brother was abouth 15 when he left Fountain Hill for Texas. Hostile Indians were still prevalent, so he became an Indian scout and was a Texas Ranger at 18. He also served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. He became owner of a 10,000 acre cotton plantation in Tyler and half owner of the Sparks Steele Bank. He was so successful as a cattle rancher that he expanded into Nevada where at one time he had over 70,000 head. He is credited with introducing the first blooded Herford and Durham cattle into the area. Some refered to him as Honest John, others said he carried whiskey in one pocket and a pistol in another, took his lands and was mean enough to hold

them. He was elected Governor of Nevada in 1902 and re-elected in 1906. A member of his family said he was elected because of his appearance and personality, not from his knowledge of politics.

During Sparks' administration the legislature enacted an irrigation law, created the offices of State Engineer and State Railroad Commission; established an eight hour day for mine workers; enacted a law *to prevent the compelling of employees of persons, corporations, or associations to trade at any particular store or board at any particular boarding house, by means of coercion, intimidation or otherwise*. The strike in the Goldfield Mine Territory which involved federal troops was indirectly the cause of his death while still in office. Sparks, Nevada was named in his honor.

Martin Van Buren Sparks became a Judge in Lampasas, Texas.

The Sparks-Denson Cemetery is located near Lampasas on the old Samuel W. Sparks farm. Those known buried there are listed below:

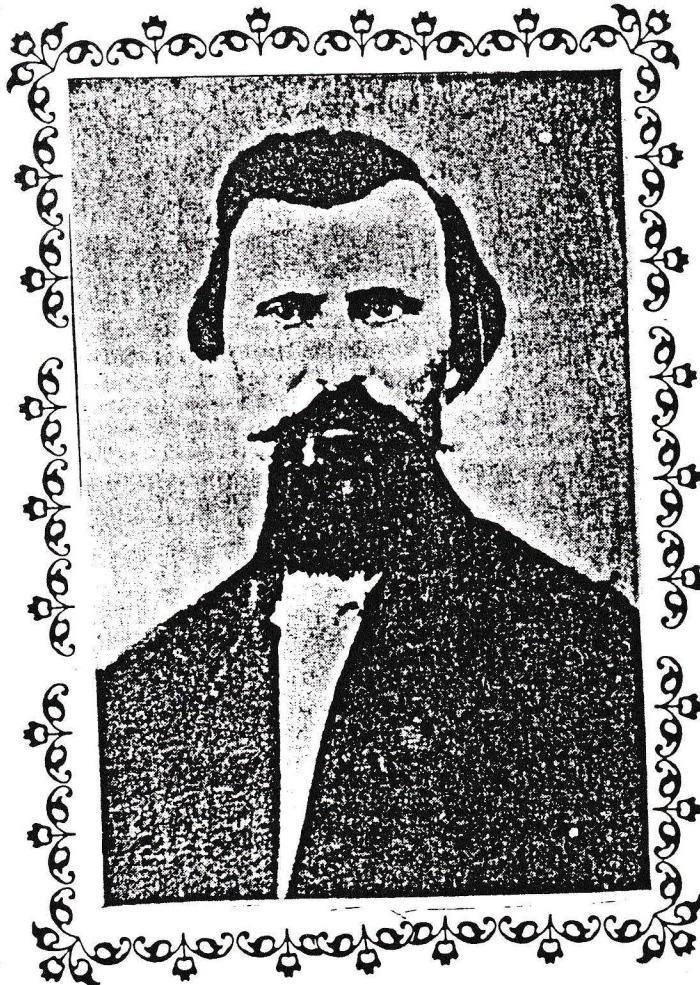
- 1.* In Memory of **Sarah**, wife of **Samuel W. Sparks, Sr.**, died November 20, 1897, aged 86 years 9 months 5 days.
Wife, Mother, Friend
- 2.* **Samuel W. Sparks, Sr.** born July 7, 1803, died August 19, 1871 (marker was on the ground and broken in 1933 and is now missing)
- 3.* **S. W. Sparks, Jr.**, born January 30, 1839, died August 7, 1872 age 33 years 6 months (marker was on the ground and broken in 1983)
4. **Susie**, In memory of **Susan L. Sparks**, wife of **M. V. B. Sparks**, born Sept. 26, 1842, died March 22, 1870 aged 27 years 5 months 26 days.
5. Infant Daughter of **S. T. Denson**, born and died March 1860.
- 6.* **Elizabeth Denson**, wife of **S. T. Denson**, born Jan. 21, 1835, died July 21, 1861, age 26 years, 6 months
- 7.* **S. T. Denson** born Feb. 1, 1833, died March 31, 1892. 59 years 3 months. Marker at head with Masonic emblem, Confederate marker at foot reads *Shadrick T. Denson, Texas, Capt. Co. D, 17 Texas Inf. Confederate Army Feb. 1, 1833, March 31, 1892*. The Conferated Marker was placed in 1969.
- 8.* **Isaac Denson, Sr.**, born June 11, 1793. Died Nov. 22, 1875. Age 82 years 5 months 11 days
- 9.* **Rufus Denson**, Confederate marker reads *R. K. Denson, Texas Pvt. 17 Regt. Texas Inf. Confederate States Army Feb. 24, 1824, Nov. 24, 1902*. The Confederate marker was placed in March 1971. Note: **Rufus Denson** was a son of **Isaac Denson**, brother of **S. T. Denson**, father of **Delia Denson Frasier** and **Jeff Denson**.
10. **Mary Knox Sparks**, daughter of **Thomas** and **Alice Sparks**, born Feb. 10, 1872, died July 10, 1875.
11. Emanuel McVey (no marker - he was the husband of Atelia Sparks McVey)
12. Reverend Carrol who was an itinerant Baptist minister (no marker)
13. Mrs. Frank Coker (no marker)
14. Unknown
15. Unknown
16. Unknown
17. Family Dog
18. Family Dog

The astericks denote prior residents of Fountain Hill, Arkansas. The **Rev. Carroll #12 (Beniah Carroll)** is believe to have been the pastor of Flat Creek Baptist Church at Fountain Hill in 1850. **Isaac Denson**, #8, and **Rufus King Denson** #9 were charter members of that church, which was established in 1845 with slaves in its charter membership. Isaac's brother, **Thomas C. Denson** was on the team that selected the site and laid out the town of Hamburg for the permanent seat of government for Ashley County.



Cattleman John Sparks (circa 1890) with "Nigger Henry" Harris, who supervised a crew of black cowboys at the Boar's Nest Ranch. Henry reputedly could ride "anything that had hair on it."

*—John Sparks photo courtesy
Benton Sparks*



ISAAC DENSON
b. 11 Jun. 1793

SHADRACK THOMAS DENSON
(son of Isaac Denson above)
b. 1 Feb. 1833



Ephesus Church Records

Submitted by ACGS member, Rebecca Brown
Continued from Summer 1994 issue

November 23, 1886

After preaching met in conference. Called for the items no business. Other business, went into choice of pastor for the next year. Resulted in the choice of **Bro. G. W. Colwell**. Adjourned in order.

W. C. Baker, Clk.

G. W. Colwell, Mod.

January 22, 1887

Met in conference. Continued committee to visit Ebeneezer. Went in the choice of clerk. Resulted in choice of **Bro. C. G. Irwin**.

W. C. Baker, Clk.

W. L. Tomlin, Mod pro tem

February 1887

On Saturday before the fourth Sunday in February 1887 the church of Christ at Ephesus sat in conference and invited visiting brethren of our faith and order to seats. 1. called for gospel dealings. 2. called for acknowledgements. 3. Opened the door for the reception of members. 4. called for reference and there being one concerning the messengers sent to Ebenezer where upon the sister church granted the request as far as she was concerned. 5. called for miscellaneous matters.

J. Wilson, C. Pro tem

G. W. Caldwell, Mod.

March 27, 1887

No conference

April 24, 1887

No conference

May 27, 1887

After preaching by **Eld. W. Bradly** and **G. W. Caldwell**, the church at Ephesus met in conference. After inviting brethren of our faith and order to seats with us 3. Opened the door of the church. Sister **Mary Seymore** came forward with letter, and was received into the fellowship of the church. 4. Called for acknowledgements. 5. Called for reference. 6. Called for miscellaneous matter and move made to go into the choice of delegates to the union meeting. Chose Brothers **W. L. Tomlin**, **L. C. Hammil**, **C. J. Irwin**. Alternate - Brother **Jessie Wilson**. 7. Move to read the Decorum and Articles of Faith at our next conference. 8. Move made to postpone communion till we are regular communion Sunday.

C. G. Irwin, Clerk

G. W. Caldwell, Mod.

June 1887

On Saturday before the fourth Sunday in June the Church f Christ at Ephesus met in conference. After prayer by **Elder Tomlin** 1. Called for gospel dealings. 2. Called for acknowledgements. 3. Called for miscellaneous matters. 4. Called for references - read the letter to the union meeting - also read the church constitution and Decorum.

C. G. Irwin, Clerk

A. Tomlin, Mod.

July 22, 1887

The union and district meeting met at Ephesus. 1. Chose **Eld. A. Tomlin** to preside. 2. Read the letter from the different churches composing the union meeting by **Eld. G. W. Caldwell**. 3. A move made for Ebenezer Church to have the union meeting next year. Carried. 4. A move made that Antioch Church have the New Hope Association next year. 5. A committee appointed on preaching for tomorrow, Brothers **Coker**, **McWoods**, ???man with the delegates from this church - **W. L. Tomlin**, **L. C. Hammil**, and **C. G. Irwin**. Ajourned in order.

July 23, 1887

The Church of Christ at Ephesus met in conference. 1. Opened the door of the church. 2. Called for the peace of the Church. 3. Called for gospel dealings. 4. Called for acknowledgements. 5. Called for miscellaneous matter.

G. W. Caldwell, Mod.

C. G. Irwin, Clerk

August 27th, 1887

After devine service, the Church of Christ at Ephesus met in conference. 1. Invited the brethren of our faith and order to seats with us. 2. Called for the peace of the church. 3. Called for acknowledgements. 4. Opened the door of the church. 5. Called for reference. 6. Reference concerning Bro. **Baker's** case refered till next conference.

G. W. Caldwell, Mod. **C. G. Irwin**, C. C.

September 24th 1887

After singing and prayer by **Elder A. Tomlin**, the church met in conference. 1. Called for reference. 2. Called for the the peace of the church. 3. Called for miscellaneous matters. 4. Called for acknowledgements. Bro. **Baker's** case settled. 5. A move made to go into the choice of delegates to represent us in the church association, resulted in the choice of Brethern **L. C. Hammil**, **Dink Wilson**, **C. G. Irwin** and **W. L. Tomlin** in the case of failure. 6. A motion made to postpone our communion till our next regular time.

Elder A. Tomlin, Mod. **C. G. Irwin**, C. C.

October 22, 1887

After preaching by **Eld. A. Tomlin**, the church at Ephesus met in conference. 1. Called for reference. 2. Called for the peace of the church. 3. Called for acknowledgements. 4. Called for miscellaneous matter. 5. A move made to go into the choice of pastor to serve us next year in our next conference.

Eld. A. Tomlin, Mod. **C. G. Irwin**, C. C.

November 22

After preaching by **Bro. A. Tomlin**, church met in conference. 1. Opened the doors of the church. 2. Called for the goospel dealings. None. 3. Called for the acknowledgements. None. 4. Called for miscellaneous matter went into the choice of pastor and clerk. Chose **Wm. Bradley** as pastor, **W. L. Wilson** clerk. Appointed a committee to visit Mt. Pisga to ask the service of **Bro. Bradley** consisting of Bros. **L. C. Hamel**, **W. L. Tomlin**, and **W. C. Baker**. Dismissed in order.

A. Tomlin, Mod. **W. C. Baker**, Clk.

Saturday, February 25th

After sermon by **Wm. Bradley**, church met in conference. 1. Called for reference. None. Committee to visit Pisga report request granted and committee discharged. 2. Doors of the church opened.

Wm. Bradley, Mod. **L. B. Wilson**, Clk.

March 28th 1888

After preaching by **Wm. Bradley** church met in conference. 1. Called for the peace of the church. 2. Opened the doors of the church. 3. Called for the reference. 4. Called for the miscellaneous matter and appointed a committee to visit **Bro. Stokes** to know the cause of his absence. Committee - Bros. **W. L. Tomlin**, **Jessie Wilson**, **L. C. Hamel**. Adjourned in order.

Wm. Bradley, Mod. **W. C. Baker**, Clk pro tem

Saturday April 22

After sermon by **Wm. Bradley** church met in conference and called for reference. Moved and second that reference by postponed until next meeting.

Wm. Bradley, Mod. **L. B. Wilson**, Clk.

Saturday May 26

After sermon by **Wm. Bradley**, church met in conference. 1. Called for reference. None. Moved and seconded that charges be perfered against Bro. **J. J. Stokes** unfaithful towards Bro. **William Baker**. Moved and second that upon the gounds of the charges that the church with draw fellowship from Bro. **J. J. Stokes**.

Wm. Bradley, Mod. **L. B. Wilson**, Clk.

June 28th 1888

After preaching by **Wm. Bradley** church met in conference. 1. Called for reference. None. 2. Called for acknowledgements. 4. Called for miscellaneous matter moved and second that we go into the choice of delegates to the union meeting. Resulted in the choice of Bro. **W. L. Tomlin**, **L. B. Wilson**, **W. C. Baker**, **J. Wilson**, alt. Adjourned in order.

Wm. Bradley, Mod. **L. B. Wilson**, Clk.

Saturday July 21st 1888

After preaching by Bro. Wm. Bradley church met in conference. 1. Invited visiting brethren to seats. 2. Opened the doors of the church. 3. Called for reference. 4. Called for gospel dealings. 5. Called for miscellaneous matter. Dismissed in order.
William Bradley, Mod. **L. B. Wilson**, Clk.

Saturday, August 25th 1888

After preaching by **Brother Bradley**, the church met in conference. 1. Opened the door of the church. 2. Called for the reference. 3. Called for gospel dealings. 4. Called for acknowledgements. 5. Resolved that this church fails to acknowledge her error in not following discipline at her last August conference. 6. Called for miscellaneous matter. Went int the choice of delegates to represent her in the association. to wit **L. C. Hamel**, **W. C. Baker**, **W. L. Tomlin**, **L. B. Wilson**, alt. Send up \$2.50 for minutes.

William Bradley, Mod. **L. B. Wilson**, Clk.

Saturday, September 1st 1888

After preaching by Brother Wm. Bradley church in conference. 1. Invited visiting brothers to seats. 2. Opened the door of the church. 3. Called for reference. 4. Called for gospel dealings. 5. Called for acknowledgements. 6. Called of miscellaneous matter. Adjourned in order.

William Bradley, Mod. **L. B. Wilson**, Clk.

Saturday October 27

After preaching by Wm. Bradley church met in conference. 1. Invited visiting brethren to seats. 2. Opened the door of the church. 3. Called for reference. 4. Miscellaneous matter, Sister **Luviser Ervin** called for her letter and refered to next conference. 5. Called for acknowledgements. Adjourned in order.

William Bradley, Mod. **L. B. Wilson**, Clk.

Saturday November 24

After sermon by Bro. Wm. Bradley the church met in conference. 1. Inviting visiting Bro. to seats. 2. Opened the doors of the church. 3. Called for references, the reference of Sister **Lewiser Erwin** calling for letter was taken up. Moved and second that the church withdraw fellowship her for living in adultery, having two living husbands. 4. Called for gospel dealings. 5. Acknowledgements. 6. Miscellaneous matters moved and second that the church go in to choice of a pastor for the next year which resulted in the choice of **Wm. Bradley**. Ad. in order.

Wm. Bradley, Mod. **L. B. Wilson**, Clk.

December - no conference

January - no conference

February - no conference

Saturday March 23rd 1889

After sermon by Wm. Bradley church met in conference. 1. Invited visiting Bros. to seats with us. 2. Opened the doors of the church. 3. Called for reference. 4. Gospel dealings of Bro. **Jessie Wilson** prefered charges against Bro. **Wm. Baker** for unchristian conduct toward him and public offences against the church. Upon motion charges were refered to next conference. 5. Called for acknowledgements. 6. Called for miscellaneous matter. Ad. in order.

William Bradley, Mod. **L. B. Wilson**, Clk.

Saturday April 27

After sermon by **William Bradley** church met in conference. 1. Invited visiting Brothers to seats. 2. Opened the door of the church. 3. Called for reference. 4. Recinded the acts of last conference. Ad. in order.

William Bradley, Mod. **L. B. Wilson**, Clk.

Saturday May 25th

After sermon by Bro. Wm. Bradley church met in conference. 1. Invited visting Bros. to seats. 2. Opened the door of the church. 3. Called for reference. 4. Called for gospel dealing. Moved and second that a committee be appointed to wait upon Bros. **Jessie Wilson** and **W. C. Baker** which resulted in the appointment of Bros. **L. C. Hamel**, **W. L. Tomlin** and **C. G. Erwin**. 5. Miscellaneous matter. Ad. in order.

William Bradley, Mod. **L. B. Wilson**, Clk.

Saturday June 22, 1889

After sermon by Bro. Wm. Bradley church met in conference. 1. Invited visiting Brethren to seats. 2. Opened the doors of the church. 3. Called for reference. The committee on Bro. Wilson and Bro. Baker's case report nothing done. Moved and second that the church prefer charges against Bro. and Sister Wilson for declaring a unfellowship for Bro. Baker. Moved and second that upon the charges, the church withdraw church fellowship from Bro. and Sister Wilson. Called fro acknowledgements. Miscellaneous matters.

William Bradley, Mod. L. B. Wilson, Clk.

Saturday, July 27, 1889

After exhortation by Bro. M. Wood church met in conference. 1. Invited visiting Bros. to seats. 2. Opened the door of the church. 3. Called bor reference at which time Bro. Joseph and Sister Cathern Oden came forward and presented letters and was received in full fellowship with the church. 4. Gospel dealings. 5. Miscellaneous matters appointed delegates union meeting which resulted as follows: L. B. Wilson, W. L. Tomlin, J. Oden, L. C. Wilson, alternate. Bro. L. B. Wilson called for letter which was granted. Adjourned in regular order.

W. C. Baker, Mod. L. B. Wilson, Clk.

Saturday, August 24, 1889

After sermon by Bro. Wm. Bradley the church met in conference. 1. Invited visiting brethren to seats. 2. Opened the door of the church. 3. Called for reference. Received the letter prepared for the union meeting. 4. Called for gospel dealings. 5. Called for acknowledgements. 6. Called for miscellaneous business. Go into the choice of clerk. Choose Bro. J. B. Oden. 7. Send Brethren C. L. Hamel, W. L. Tomlin, J. B. Oden and W. C. Baker alternate as delegates to the association and send \$2.50 for associational purpose. Ad. in order.

Wm. Bradley, Mod. J. B. Oden, Clk.

September the 21st 1889

After sermon by Bro. Bradley met in conference. Invited visiting brethren to seats. Opened the door of the church whereupon R. J. Reynolds came forward and was received for baptism. Reference read and received the letter prepared for the association. Acknowledgements, none. Gospel dealings, none. Miscellaneous, none. Adj. in order.

Wm. Bradley, Mod. J. B. Oden, Clk.

October 1889

After preaching by Bro. Wm. Bradley the church met in conference. Invited visiting to seats. No business. Adjourned in order.

Wm. Bradley, Mod. J. B. Oden, Clk.

November 23, 1889

After sermon by Bro. Bradley met in conference. Invited visiting brethren to seats. Called the different items. Move and second we go into choice of pastor at our next conference for next year. Adj. in order.

Wm. Bradley, Mod. J. B. Oden, Clk.

December 1889

After sermon by Bro. Bradley the church met in conference. Called for reference. Went into choice of pastoral supply which resulted in the choice of Bro. Bradley. We sent W. C. Baker, C. L. Hamil, W. L. Tomlin and J. B. Oden in case of failure as messengers to bear letter to Mr. Pisga Church. Done by order of conference.

Wm. Bradley, Mod. J. B. Oden, Clk.

January 1890

After sermon by Bro. Caldwell the church met in conference. Invited visiting brethren to seats. Opened the door for reception of members. Called for reference continued the reference.

Wm. Bradley, Mod. J. B. Oden, Clk.

March 1890

Church met in conference after sermon by Bro. Bradley. Called for reference and dispensed with same. No other business. Adjourned in order.

Wm. Bradley, Mod. J. B. Oden, Clk.

May 1890

After preaching by **Brethren Wood** and **Bradley** met in conference. Called for different items. Adjourned in order.
Wm. Bradley, Mod. **J. B. Oden**, Clk.

June 1890

After preaching by **Bro. Bradley** the church met in conference. Moved and second that we appoint delegates to the union meeting as follows: Brethren **J. Reynolds**, **W. L. Tomlin**, **J. B. Oden**, **W. Baker** alternate. Adjourned in order.
Wm. Bradley, Mod. **J. B. Oden**, Clk.

July 1890

After preaching by **Bro. Bradley** the church met in conference. Move and second we adopt the prepared letter for the Union meeting. No other business. Adj. in order..
W. Bradley, Mod. **J. B. Oden**, Clk.

August 23, 1890

After preaching by **Brother Woods** met in conference. Opened the door of the church. Miscellaneous matter - choose delegates to represent us in the association as follows: **W. L. Tomlin**, **L. C. Hammil**, **W. C. Baker**, **J. Reynolds** alternate. Send \$3.00
Mack Woods, Mod. **W. C. Baker**, Clk. pro tem

September 1890

After preaching by **Bro. Bradley** the church met in conference. Called for reference. Received the letter prepared for the association. No other business.
Wm. Bracleay, Mod. **J. B. Oden**, Clk.

October 1890

After preaching by **Bro. Bradley** met in conference. No business Adjourned.
Wm. Bradley, Mod. **J. B. Oden**, Clk.

November 1890

After sermon met in conference. No business Adjourned in order.
Wm. Bradley, Mod. **J. B. Oden**, Clk.

December 1890

After preaching by **Bro. Bradley** the church met in conference. Invited visiting brethren to seats. Moved and second to go into call of pastoral supply. Refered. No other business Adjourned in order.
Wm. Bradley, Mod. **J. B. Oden**, Clk.

March 1891

After preaching by **Bro. Woods** the church met in conference. Invited visiting brethren to seats. Called for reference. Moved and second that we invite ministering brethren generally to visit us as the Lord may direct. No other business. Adjourned in order.
M. G. Woods, Mod. **J. B. Oden**, Clk.

Sister **Martha Tomlin** died February the 9th, 1891.

April 1891

After preaching by **Brethren Caldwell** and **Woods** the church met in conference. Moved and second that we commune at our next meeting. No other business. Adj.
G. W. Caldwell, Mod. **J. B. Oden**, Clk.

May 24, 1891

After preaching by **Brethren Caldwell** and **Bradley** church met in conference. Called for peace of the church. Gospel dealings. Acknowledgements. Bro. **C. Irwin** came forward and was forgiven. The door of the church opened. Bro. **L. B. Wilson** presented a letter and was received into the fellowship of the church. Miscellaneous matter. Appointed delegates

to district meeting which resulted as follows: **W. L. Tomlin, R. J. Reynolds, L. B. Wilson, L. C. Hamel**, Alt.
G. W. Caldwell, Mod. **L. B. Wilson**, Clk. pro tem

June 1891

After sermon by Bro. **M. G. Woods** the church met in conference. Moved and second that we receive the letter prepared for the district meeting. Moved and second that we call for the Ordination of Bro. **M. G. Woods** and also appoint delegates and letter to Ebenezer Church to wit brethren **W. L. Tomlin, L. B. Wilson, J. B. Oden** and **W. C. Baker**, alternate. No other business. Adj. in order.

M. G. Woods, Mod. **J. B. Oden**, Clk.

July 1891

After preaching by Brethren **Little B. Caldwell** the church met in conference. Opened the door of the church whereupon Bro. **W. J. Goyne** and his wife, **Juliaan Goyne** also Sister **Nancy Tomlin** presented letters and was received into full fellowship. Called for reference, there being a reference concerning the call of Bro. **M. G. Woods** and ordination to Ebenezer which request was granted in full. No other business. Dismissed in order.

G. W. Caldwell, Mod. **J. B. Oden**, Clk.

Sister **Catharine Oden** died August 21, 1891.

September 1891

After sermon by **M. G. Woods** the church met in conference. Moved and second we go into choice for delegates to the association to wit: **J. B. Oden, W. L. Goyne, L. C. Hamil, J. Reynolds**, alt. Moved and second we receive the letter prepared for the association. We send \$3.00 for minutes. No other business. Adj. in order.

M. G. Woods, Mod. **J. B. Oden**, Clk.

October 1891

After preaching by **Bro. Woods** the church met in conference. No business. Adj. in order.

M. G. Woods, Mod. **J. B. Oden**, Clk.

December 1891

After sermon by Bro. **M. G. Wood** church met in conference. Invited visiting brothers to seats. Opened door of the church. Called for the peace of the church. Miscellaneous matter. On motion the church went into choice of clerk which resulted in the choice of **L. B. Wilson**. **J. B. Oden** called for letter which was granted.

M. G. Wood, Mod. **L. B. Wilson**, Clk.

April 23, 1892

After preaching by **Bro. Woods**, Church met in conferenc. Opened the doors of the church. Called for acknowledgements at which time Bro. **Thos. Runnels** said that he had a fight and the church to forgive him, which was granted. All in order.

M. G. Wood, Mod. **L. B. Wilson**, Clk.

May 22, 1892

After sermon by Bro. **J. H. Blythe**, J. H. being chosen moderator the church met in conference. Called for items. Adjourned in order.

J. H. Blythe, Mod Pro tem **L. B. Wilson**, Clk.

June 25, 1892

Bro. **W. L. Tomlin** being appointed moderator church met in conference. Called for peace of the church. Opened the door of the church. Called for acknowledgements. Miscellaneous matter. Moved and second that the church go into choice of delegates to district meeting which resulted as follows: **W. G. Goin, L. B. Wilson, and L. C. Hamel, R. T. Runalds**, alt. **W. L. Tomlin**, Mod. Pro tem **L. B. Wilson**, Clk.

July 24, 1892

After devine service by Bros. **Lewis Blythe** and **M. G. Wood** church met in conference. Called for peache of the church. Called for acknowledgements. The door of the church was opened to reception of members. Reference. Letter being presented to district meeting wich was read and received. Miscellaneous matter.

M. G. Wood, Mod. **J. H. Blythe**, Clerk pro tem

William Peterson Ketchand

Contributed by David Ketchand
Shreveport, LA, March 4, 1994

Robert L. and David Ketchand have been researching the Ketchand line since July 1993. It is clear that our line began with William Peterson Ketchand. We know very little of W. P.'s early life but feel we can fairly accurately reconstruct his last 21 years. This is what we know to date.

We are reasonable certain that William Peterson Ketchand was born William Peterson Kitchen in Sussex or Southhampton County, Virginia around 1811. We know virtually nothing of his early life. We believe he is listed as the head of household in Sussex County in the 1830 census. There were several William Kitchens in the census. He distinguished himself from the others by inserting his middle Initial. He married Sarah (Sally) Kitchand (most likely a cousin) in Southampton County, Virginia on December 25, 1834. For some reason the spelling of the family name changed from *Kitchen* to *Kitchand*. In time the *i* became *e* so possibly by 1860 and certainly by 1862 the spelling is clearly *Ketchand*.

A slave insurrection occurred in Southampton County on August 21-22, 1831 led by a slave named Nat Turner and became known as the Nat Turner Rebellion. Turner, who believed himself to be divinely inspired, led approximately sixty slaves in a revolt in which many white people were murdered. The insurrection made national news, resulting in the passing of oppressive laws in the slave-holding states, and also increased the fear among white citizens of the possible consequences of the abolition of slavery. Records indicate that a Kitchen family lived only a few houses from one of the murdered families. Most certainly, W. P. and his family were witnesses to these unsettling events.

We do not know when the family moved to Ashley County, Arkansas. A great wave of migration was between 1840 and 1860. Families were leaving the eastern states to push west and south in search of good land and homesteads. Ashley County was part of a region known as the *Great Wilderness* and was wild and desolate. Records indicate that settlers from Virginia migrated to Ashley County early in this migration. One report reads, *The first house built of cypress boards, rather than logs, in Ashley County, was built by John L. Hawkins in 1849. Hawkins had migrated to Ashley County from Virginia, bringing slaves with him.* W. P. was among this wave of migration west.

The 1860 census shows W. P. living in Union township of Ashley County. He was employed as an overseer on a plantation, was evidently pretty well off, married to Sarah and had a son named Jesse Enos who had been born in 1843. Neither W.P. or Jesse seems to have been involved in active service during the Civil War. There were no military actions in Ashley County until 1864 and comparatively little then. Most of the activity involved the movement of troops and supplies through the area and a skirmish or two occurring late in the war.

By 1862 W. P. had moved the family to Beech Creek township, purchased at least 640 acres of land and was farming and apparently pastoring the Beech Creek Church which seemed to be meeting on his land.

Ashley County had little or no government during, and immediately following the war. Therefore, there is no record of the land purchase recorded with the county. It seems to have been fairly common practice for land deeds to be kept in private possession and later recorded with the county when the local government was reestablished during reconstruction. W. P. sold some of his land to James T. Hill on two separate occasions. The first sale occurred in 1864 and the second in 1866. However Mr. Hill did not record the deeds with the county until 1868.

The Beech Creek Church organized in 1849. The original building was constructed of split logs. The floor, door and seats were made of split boards. The building was known as the Grange House and stood near the Beech Creek Cemetery. The facility was used by both Baptist and Methodist congregations until each group became large enough to build separate churches. Property records indicate the cemetery and the church were both located on W. P.'s land. On December 29, 1866, W. P. sold a quarter section of land to James T. Hill. This is the land the Beech Creek Cemetery and Church occupies today. Records show that Hill donated this land to the Beech Creek Baptist Church who erected a frame building in 1868. The building that occupies the site today is built from material used in the original construction.

The first recorded marriage W. P. Ketchand conducted was in November of 1862. County records show he performed 31 marriages between 1862 and his last recorded marriage in February 1873. Shortly after his last recorded marriage, the county began recording marriages differently. The name of the presiding minister was no longer listed.

W. P.'s wife, Sarah died sometime after April 1864 and is probably buried in the Hogue Cemetery at Beech Creek. W.P.'s son, Jesse Enos, married Martha A. Cammack on April 5, 1866. On December 29, 1866 W. P. sold a quarter section to James Hill (the land Hill would donate to the Beech Creek Baptist Church) adjacent to an additional quarter section he had sold to Hill in 1864. The next day, December 30, 1866, W. P. Ketchand, age 54, married a second time to Della H. Waite, age 28. Della's first husband, John Waite, did not return from the Civil War, leaving her with several children.

Ashley County fared well during the war but this was not the case during the reconstruction years. In October 1867 occupation forces removed the sheriff and county clerk from office and replaced them with others who were deemed *scalawags* and *turncoats* by the local population. Violence erupted in Hamburg resulting in five soldiers stationed in the town being murdered. The head of the Freedman's Bureau, a national corporation organized by congress to protect the Negroes in their newly acquired civil rights, was wounded in an attempted assassination and run out of town. Tensions remained high for the next year as a struggle for political control of the state raged in Little Rock.

Because of this political controversy, Ashley County was not permitted to vote in the presidential election of 1868. The uproar of disapproval was so high that on November 4, 1868, martial law was declared in the county. The militia came in with instructions to *proceed at once to arrest the parties whose names have been sent to you, as well as other outlaws*. The commander was further instructed that ...*you can safely execute many of them. It is absolutely necessary that some examples be made...* To supply the troops the commander was instructed to *forage off the county*.

These were difficult days. Ruby Ainsworth, great granddaughter of Della Waite, recalls her grandmother, Martha Aura Waite, Della's oldest daughter telling how Della would hide the frightened children down in Beech Creek whenever the union troops would come in search of *outlaws* and supplies. **The History of Ashley County** summaries the time by recording that *incidents of violence occurred all during reconstruction... There was turmoil, hatred, violence, and strife from the beginning of reconstruction to its close... Organized gangs stole, burned and murdered over the county, and in turn the better element of the population took vengeance on such acts by like treatment. Conditions were so bad and times so hard that many families left the county*.

W. P. Ketchand move the family to Freedom township, Polk County, Arkansas on the western edge of the state around 1868. Polk County was extremely isolated being located in rugged mountains on the western frontier and bordering Indian territory. The History of Polk County records, The terrors of reconstruction that struck the large slave-owning states was scarcely felt in the county. Isolation continued for the most part of the two decades following the end of the Civil War. Lack of transportation facilities, including almost impassable roads, kept the county isolated, although a few hardy immigrants escaping the terrors of reconstruction in the devasted south, trickled in. W. P.'s family was among these immigrants.

The 1870 census records W. P. living in Polk County and his occupation as preacher. His household consisted of his wife, Della, Martha Aura Wait, Della's daughter - age 13, Mildred Wait, Della's daughter - age 11, Benjamin Frank Wait, Della's son - age 9 and William W. age 2. We thing William was the first child of W. P. and Della and died in childhood. So far no other record of him exists. Our grandfather, Robert E. Lee Ketchand, was born in Polk County July 3, 1870.

The stay in Polk County was fairly short. From records of marriages W. P. performed in Ashley County, we conclude the family moved to Polk County in early 1868 and had returned to Ashley County by mid 1872. Tax records indicate W. P. farmed 230 acres. He still performed his ministerial duties but does not seem to have been the pastor of Beech Creek Baptist Church. His first recorded marriage upon his return was March 6, 1872.

The 1880 census lists W. P.'s occupation as a farmer and shows his household consisting of his wife, Della, Robert E. Lee Ketchand - age 9, Sallie B. Ketchand - age 8, Howard Trussy Ketchand - age 5, Della Ruth Ketchand - age 2, Sophia Shipman, Della's sister - age 39, Mildred B. Shipman, Sophia's daughter - age 3 and Walter Williams, possibly Della's nephew - age 9. W. P. Ketchand's last recorded marriage was February 27, 1873. He died in 1881 and is buried in the Hogue Cemetery at Beech Creek.

About this time, a series of calamities hit the Ketchan Clan. W.P.'s oldest son Jesse died in July 1880 of Pneumonia. His wife, Martha, died the following Christmas Day. They left two orphaned daughters, Jessie Alice - age 11 and Sallie Willie - age 4. Sallie Willie died in childhood in 1883. Jessie Alice married and had ten children. W. P. died in 1881 and Della

died in 1885. Their children Robert L, Howard Trussy and Della Ruth were farmed out to relatives and boarders until grown. Sallie B. Died in childhood. Howard Trussy married and both he and his wife died young leaving three orphaned girls: Lillian, Beatrice, and Emma. H. T. died in 1902. Lillian apparently was adopted and left the state. The other two girls, Beatrice and Emma, became wards of the state and were eventually adopted. Robert L. moved to Warren in Bradley County and married Sallie Brown in 1902.

After all this, Robert E. Lee Ketchand, at the ripe old age of 32, ended up as the only male Ketchand, with just a sister, Ruth, and nieces Alice, (who was his own age and like a sister), Lillian, Beatrice and Emma scattered around. He was only barely established having farmed, taught school and recently gone to work for the Southern Lumber Company. It is not too hard to see how we came to the present having lost track of the descendants of W. P. Ketchand and not knowing a great deal about our heritage.

We believe it will be possible to track the family in the Beech Creek area until Trussy's death in 1902. He probably lived on the old home place until then. After that, the Ketchand era in Beech Creek pretty well comes to an end.

Marriages performed in around the Beech Creek community by William P. Ketchand, Baptist Minister, as recorded in the Ashley County Courthouse, Hamburg, Arkansas. Researched by David Ketchand, August 8, 1993.

The following are recorded in Book AA:

p. 211	Nov. 29, 1863	John S. Jackson & Elizabeth Taylor
p. 211	Dec. 9, 1863	Andrew L. Murphey & Elizabeth Mapey (sp?)
p. 213	Dec. 29, 1863	James E. Chandler & Elizabeth H. Cooley
p. 219	Feb. 25, 1863	Matthew H. Dean & Virginia Lambert
p. 221	May 10, 1864	Charles M. Boyd & Bettie Lambert
p. 227	Nov. 29, 1864	Elijah Pepper & Georgia A. Mayo
p. 232	June 6, 1865	William J. Price & Florence McShane
p. 233	June 1, 1865	John W. McBride & Louisa Cammack
p. 238	Sept. 14, 1865	John Walling & Fanny Delmar
p. 242	Oct. 22, 1865	Joseph Cockrell & Celia Noble
p. 245	Dec. 26, 1865	Robert M. Murray & Sarah Smith
p. 246	Dec. 20, 1865	George W. Barlow & Mary Jeffries
p. 246	Jan. 3, 1866	Algernon S. Parker & Mary J. Roberts
p. 247	Feb. 1, 1866	Edward W. Simpson & Agnes M. Dade
p. 248	Feb. 14, 1866	Stephen W. McLeod & Donna A. M. Nowell
p. 252	Apr. 12, 1866	Joseph E. Turnbow & W. Sarah Holloway
p. 252	Apr. 15, 1866	Charles N. Tigus & Mrs. Mary E. Kelley
p. 264	Oct. 11, 1866	J. T. Nowell & Camilla Wimberly
p. 266	Oct. 15, 1866	James H. Sawyer & Jessie Capur
p. 270	Dec. 27, 1866	Nicholas C. Denson & P.A.R. Hughes
p. 279	Mar. 21, 1867	James C. Shemen & Caroline Baminger
p. 290	Dec. 21, 1867	W. M. Phillips & Augusta H. Dean
p. 393	March 6, 1872	W. J. Price, age 30 & Alabama Simpson, age 16
p. 394	Jan. 9, 1872	Ed. J. Woolard, age 25 & Georgia Barenner, age 14
p. 394	Feb. 21, 1872	R. M. Cole, age 21 & Virginia Wilkins, age 14
p. 394	Feb. 17, 1872	Lum Mason, age 24 & Jane Cooper, age 21

The following are recorded in Book A:

p. 5	Oct. 3, 1872	At the residence of Mrs. J. E. Turnbow: John C. Searest & Mrs. J. E. Turnbow (ref. entry date: Apr. 12, 1866)
p. 5	July 1, 1872	At the residence of Col. Sam Bell: Thomas Shaw & Edny Davis
p. 5	July 1, 1872	At the residence of S. S. Bell: Sawyer Davis & Lidda Williams
p. 5	no date	At the residence of Mr. L. B. Sanders: Peter Simpson & Rebecca Johnson
p. 27	Feb. 27, 1873	At the residence of L. Bloomer: W. B. Burn & Aura N. Gifford

Note: Shortly after the final entry, the county began recording marriages differently. The name of the presiding minister was no longer recorded. It is possible W. P. Ketchand continued to minister in the Beech Creek area until his death in 1881.

Other Marriage Record Entries of Note: (Recorded in Book AA)

p. 152	Feb. 2, 1860	John H. Robinson & Mary Kitchens (There were Kitchens living in the area who are not related to the Ketchand family)
p. 207	Dec. 23, 1862	E. T. Turnbow & H. Turnbow married by a David or Danl (sp?) Cammack, Justice of the Peace. (The Cammack and Ketchand family were joined by the marriage of Jessie E. Ketchand (son of W. P. Ketchand) and Martha A. Cammack.
p. 252	Apr. 5, 1866	Jessie Enos Ketchand and Martha A. Cammack by Rev. Hogan Allen
p. 273	Dec. 30, 1866	Rev. W. P. Ketchand (age 54) & Mrs. Della H. Waite (age 28) by Rev. Hogan Allen.

Obituary of Mrs. Mary Robinson Withers Bond

Submitted by ACGS member, Frank Denson

Your summer 1993 quarterly printed History of First United Methodist Church, Hamburg, Arkansas. This article mentioned that sometime during the time between 1848 and 1850 a woman by the name of Mary E. Bonds (Bond) organized the first church school in Hamburg. This Mary Robinson Withers Bond was a sister of Captain Robert James Withers whose obituary was printed in your summer 1994 quarterly.

My grandmother, Martha Matilda Lowry Denson kept her great grandmother Bond's picture and the enclosed obituary until her death in 1959.

Sincerely,
Frank E. Denson, Crossett, Arkansas

Bond—Mrs. Mary R., Withers, was born in Lexington District, S. C., October 19, 1807, and died in Dallis, Ark., October 9, 1896. The subject of this sketch was a remarkable woman; remarkable for the strength and scope of her intellectual faculties, which were still vigorous at the ripe age of 88 years; remarkable for her power of endurance as manifested through a long life of unusual suffering and trial; remarkable above all else for the saintliness of her life and character.

When 12 years of age she professed religion and joined the Methodist Church, under the ministry of Stephen Olin, and from that time until the day of her death she continued to bless the Church with her labors, her counsel and her prayers.

She was a Methodist of the old school. Plain and modest in her bodily attire, devout in spirit, given to much study of the Word of God and prayer, observing the quarterly and stated fasts, punctual in attendance on the prayer and class meetings and the public ministration of the word, holding family prayer night and morning as long as she had a family. She was a worthy representative of the best type of early Methodism.

She was an earnest believer in the Wesleyan doctrine of perfect love, and she made no ostentatious professions of her attainments in Christian experience, yet she meekly claimed the sufficiency of the all-cleansing blood, and manifested to the world the possession of that love which *casteth out all fear*.

As intimated above, her life was one of peculiar sorrow and trial. Lack of space forbids that we should enter into details, but if, as the poet has said:

The sign of rank in nature is capacity for pain.

Then we should place her name high up on the list of names of those of whom the world was not worthy. Yet notwithstanding her life of widowhood and trial she was ever an active worker in the Church. She organized, and for a time, superintended the first Sunday School in the town of Hamburg, Ashley County, Ark., and for many years she was one of the pillars of the Church in that place. Her house was ever the preacher's home, and the young preacher found in her a wise counselor and friend.

She was the eldest sister of Rev. H. R. Withers, of the Little Rock Conference, the mother of Rev. F. F. Bond, deceased, and the grandmother of Rev. J. Y. Christmas, both of the same conference. Brother Christmas has often said to the writer *all that I am, under God, I owe to grandma's influence and prayers*.

The closing years of her life were spent in his home, and she bore all the hardships and privations incident to the life of a preacher, on poor circuits, without a murmur, seeming to count it all joy that the Lord had called her favorite grandson into the ministry.

Her death was peaceful and happy. For many years she had waited patiently while her soul yearned for her heavenly home, and death to her was but the gateway to the eternal.

Her body sleeps in the cemetery at Dallas, Ark., far from the graves of her kindred and friends, but she sleeps in Jesus and when He shall appear, then shall she appear with Him in glory.

J. A. Sage

Shiloh Baptist Church

Fountain Prairie
Ashley County, Arkansas

Covenant as adopted by Shiloh Baptist Church August 21, 1894. **J. W. Sims**, moderator and **W. G. Ross**, clerk. Thanking God for the light we have received through the revelation of Jesus Christ which we now enjoy hoping that God for Christ's sake has pardoned our sins and been baptized on a profession of faith in Christ Jesus in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

We do this day before God and the world with deep joy and great solemnity enter in covenant with one another and we therefore covenant and agree that by the aid of the Holy Spirit we will walk together in love and Christian fellowship.

We promise to labor for the advancement and final triumph of the Church ?? her worship by attending the House of God and supply her ministry to guard ourselves to walk cir?? before the world to be hon?? and faithful in our business relations and as God gives ?? and strength we will try ?? righteous and holy lives try to train up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord we promise ?? love each other in ?? ??? to visit the Sis?? ???.

August 21, 1894

In accordance to the appointment the Christian people in and around Fountain Prairie met for the purpose of organizing a Missionary Baptist Church of Christ. After reading a portion of God's Word and prayer by **Bro. J. W. Sims** a permanent organization was gone into. (1) Letter was called for **Brethren** and **Sister G. W. White, Malissa White, W. G. Ross, S.J. Ross, Myrtle Berry, F. J. Kelly, J. ? Holiman, Maggie Holiman, Berry Holiman, J. W. Berry** presented letters for organization. It was agreed that the church be called Shiloh Baptist Church of Christ. (2) The articles of Faith and Church covenant was read by **Bro. J. W. Sims** and adopted ???. The Church after which prayer was offered by **Bro. John ??rdner**. (3) Charges was given to the church by **Bro. E. E. Smith**. An opportunity was given to ?? who wished to unite them ???s with the church. Brother **M. Ethridge** and **J. W. McDougald**, sisters **Mary Scott, Betti Culbreth, ??? Berry** presented them selves ?? membership. They was received to the watch and care of the church. ??? they could obtain a letter ??? other churches. Adjourned.

J. W. Sims, Mod.

J. W. Wilcoxon, C. Pro tem

Fleix Wigley		Ethel Cone	Dis	Almetia McDougald
Lula Wigley		M. E. Baker	Dis	Blanch Jourdan
Sallie McPherson	Dec	Eula Puron	Dis	Laura Chavis
Minnie McPherson		Bettie Rodgers		Hattie E. High
George Roberts		Dellah Robberds	Dis	B. F. Adair
Henry Pearson		G. W. Uptagrove	Dis	Abba Adair
J. V. Ridgell		Mrs. G. W. Uptagrove	Dis	Eatman White
Evert Seamans	Dec	Jeff Strikland		Jessie Griffin
Willie Woods	Dis	K. M. Strickland		Luna Ridgel
Willie Johnson		Fannie Knight		Vinie Scott
Lindsay Kelly	Erased	Bell Rodgers		Fred Etheridge
William Kelly	Erased	Cepha Wigley		Will Coapland
Winford Pledger	Des	Ethel High	Dec	Joe Johnson
Arthur Chavis	Dis by letter 1910	Pearl Wilcoxon		Wilburn Strickland
Vergia Holimon	Dis	Alice B?ix		Edith Etheridge
John Killcrease	Dis	Russ Pryor		D??
J. W. Sims	Dis	Wiley Yelvington	Dis	Alma Griffin
Allice Sims	Dis	George Willcoxon	Dis by letter	Sula White
Clark Sims	Dis	James Willcoxon	Dis	Fannie Berry
Willie Lee	Dis	??ton Edtheridge		Hattie Coapland
Frank Wilcoxon	Dis	John Neal	Dis	Des
Martie Cone		Noneie Mosses		Annie Johnson
				Pattie Strickland
				D??
				Annie Davis
				Dis

Jeff Berry		8. W. W. McPherson	66. Minnie Griffin
Adda High		9. Mary Scott	67. Gertie Grifford
Thurston Scott		10. Nolie McDougald	68. Mattie Culp
Minnie Bell Gardner		11. Joe Wigley	69. Joe Holland
Venie Coapland	Dis	12. Ida Wigley	70. Effie Jeffers
Gerald Pyron		13. Florence Seamons	71. Ollie Jeffers
Clifton Jordan		14. Mellie Poole	72. Mattie Wigley
Willie Jordan		15. W. L. Rodgers	73. Maye Locke
Alma Wilcoxon		16. Dora Rodgers	74. Calvin Jeffers
Lela High	Dis	17. Roxie McPherson	75. Edward Allen
Virgia Rodgers		18. J. W. Willcoxon	76. John Giles
Guy Rodgers		19. Felix Wigley	77. Brooxie Giles
Bro. W. E. Collins		20. Loula Wigley	78. Ida Holland
Sister Wallace ???	Dis	21. Geo. Roberts	79. A. J. Jeffers
Allen Johnson		22. Cephia Paule	80. Dora Jeffers
J. S. Jones		23. Pearl Tucker	81. William High
Ewell High		24. Almeta Copes	82. J. E. Scott
S. W. Moore		25. Eatman White	83. Henry Culp
Lizzie Moore		26. Jessie Brooks	84. Addie Lou Scott
Minnie Moore		27. Ophelia Scott	85. Orella High
Jessie Moore		28. Sula White	86. Laura Wigley
Edward Moore		29. Thirston Scott	87. Andrew Willcoxon
Eula Maud Copland	Dis	30. Minnie B. Gardner	88. Scott Aldred
T. B. Rodgers		31. Gerald Pyron	D. C. Wigley
Brooksy McDougle		32. Willie Gifford	89. Walter Roberts
Juliar Ethridge		33. Virgie McDougald	90. Ashley Wigley
Andrew Cope		34. Guy Rodgers	91. Ethelyn Allen
Gordan Cope		35. Halsard McDougald	92. Guy Auldrige
Hunter Scott		36. Ewell High	93. Coley Jeffers
Florence Selmon		37. S. W. Moore	94. Jim Gifford
Kelsie Strickland	Dismissed	38. Lizzie Moore	95. Stella Culp
Clifton Strickland	Dismissed	39. Jessie High	96. Hudson Rodgers
Walton Moor	Dis	40. T. B. Rodgers	97. Joe Culp
Dean Wilcoxon	Dis	41. Andrew Copes	98. Jesse Gifford
Beckie Chavis		42. Walter Moore	99. Earl Locke
J. B. Rogers	Dis	43. Rebecca Chavis	100. Ida McJelton
A. J. Ward	Dis	44.	101. Searcy Willcoxon
Mary Ward	Dis	45. Mary Ward	102. Joe Locke
Pryor Ward	Dis	46. Minnie Pierce	103. Annie Locke
Minnie Hudgens		47. Jno. Chavis	104. Author Tullos
John Chavis		48. E. P. Woods	105. R. L. Chavis
Bro. L. M. Webb		49. Nanie Moses	106. Dewey Downey
Sis. L. M. Webb		50. Nonie Moses	107. Norma Brown
??? Webb		51. Fred Etheridge	108. Treaver Auldrige
Virgie Will??		52. Alma Willcoxon	109. Hazel Coulter
Bettie Woods		53. Bessie Willcoxon	110. Albert Coulter
Bertha Swennel		54. Hellen Allen	111. Hellen Gardner
		55. Fannye Lynne Rodgers	112. Clara Roberts
		56. Claudell Rodgers	113. V. M. Rotton
		57. Goldie High	114. Mrs. V. M. Rotton
		58. Velma Allen	115. Frank Rotton
		59. Verlie Allen	116. Allen McPherson
		60. Ola Scott	117. Myrtis Jeffers
		61. Mattie Willcoxon	118. Della Holland
		62. S. W. Holland	119. Tom Hopgood
		63. Bedie Holland	120. Lular Hopgood
		64. Cleva Scott	121. Blanch Hopgood
		65. Annie Scottt	122. Joe Hopgood

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Membership 1920

1. Mattie Chavis
2. Alice High
3. J. S. High
4. Jno. McDougald
5. M. A. Yelvington
6. Burks Rodgers
7. Grace Rodgers

123. Walter Culp
 124. Alle May Culp
 125. Rolie Gifford
 126. Ara Gifford
 127. Blanch Andrews
 128. August Paul
 129. Odell Sivils
 130. D. L. Moore
 131. Sister D. L. Moore
 132.
 133. James Persor
 134. Lois Kelley
 135. Hewit Stanley
 136. Milton Jeffers
 137. Harrison Pruitt
 138. Travis Culp
 139. Nellie Person
 140. Clinton Jones
 141. Harvil Shields
 142. Erwin Culp
 143. Josie Holland
 144. Willie Gifford
 145. Thomas Ford
 146. Barton Kelley
 147. Reba Wigley
 148. Letha Stanley
 149. Claudell Rodgers
 150. Amanda Sheilds
 151. Francis Kelley
 152. Frank Shields
 153. Frank Manning
 154. Annie Manning
 155. George Galion
 156. C. B. Kelley
 157. Sister C. B. Kelley
 158. Josiphene Kelley
 159. R. B. Culp
 160. Sister R. B. Culp
 161. J. J. Myers
 D. C. Wigley
 Ashley Wigley
 Aubry Scott
 Kelcy Jefferys
 Beckey Brown
 Opeal Bruister
 Eula May Kelley
 Mary Culp
 Ella Culp

Roll of Membership 1925

1. Mattie Chavis
2. D. C. Wigley
3. Laura Wigley
4. F. T. Wigley
5. Lula Wigley
6. Reba Wigley
7. Joe Wigley

8. Ida Wigley
 9. Ashley Wigley
 10. Bonnie Wigley
 11. August Paul
 12. Cephia Paul
 13. Scott Aldred
 14. Treva Aldred
 15. Guy Aldred
 16. Ida Aldred
 17. W. W. McPherson
 18. Toxie McPherson
 19. Allen McPherson
 20. Jim Gifford
 21. Willie Gifford
 22. Gertie Gifford
 23. S. W. Holland
 24. Bedie Holland
 25. Josie Holland
 26. Joe Holland
 27. Myrtice Holland
 28. Dela Bates
 29. Coley Jeffers
 30. Effie Jeffers
 31. J. S. High
 32. Orella High
 33. J. J. Myers
 34. W. L. Rodgers
 35. Dora Rodgers
 36. Hudson Rodgers
 37. Mrs. E. P. Woods died Oct. 28, 1928
 38. J. E. Scott
 39. Mary Scott died
 40. T. L. Scott
 41. Ophelia Scott
 42. Ola Scott
 43. Addie Lou Douglas
 44.
 45.
 46. D. L. Moore
 47. Francis Kelly
 49. Joe Chadwick
 50. Ella Chadwick
 51. Bertha Chadwick
 52. Spence Chadwick
 53. Clarence Yelvington
 54. June Yelvington
 55. William Carter
 56. A. J. Jeffery
 57. Dora Jeffery
 58. Milton Jeffers
 59. Kelcy Jeffery
 60. Becky Brown
 61. Opeal Bruister
 62. Eula Mae Kelly
 63. Aubrey Scott
 64. Mary Culp
 65. Ella Culp

1925 Roll That Don't Attend

56. M. A. Yelvington
 57. Mellie Poole
 58. Geo. Roberts
 59. Pearl Tucker
 60. Minnie B. Gardner
 61. Hellen Deckelman
 62. A. J. Ward
 63. Mary Ward died
 64. Nonie Moses
 65. Fred Etheridge
 66. Goldie Downey
 67. Dewey Downey
 68. Mattie Willcoxon
 69. Velma Allen
 70. Edward Allen
 71. Cleva Scott
 72. Mattie Culp
 73. Mattie Wigley
 74. Joe Locke
 75. Annie Locke
 76. Earl Locke
 77. John Giles
 78. Brooksie Giles
 79. William High
 80. Andrew Willcoxon
 81. Walter Roberts
 82. Joe Culp
 83. Authar Tullos
 84. Clara Roberts
 85. Allie Mae Culp
 86. James Perser
 87. Nellie Perser
 88. Lois Kelly
 89. Hewit Stanley
 90. Letha Stanley
 91. Clinton Jones
 92. Erwin Culp
 93. Bart Kelly
 94. Florence Seamon
 95. C. B. Kelly
 96. Mrs. C. B. Kelly
 97. Josiephine Cameron
 98. Minnie Griffen

Roll of Church Members in 1932

Mat Chavis
 Alice High
 J. S. High
 John McDougald
 Susan Roberts
 M. A. Yelvington
 R. M. Etheridge
 Callin Etheridge

Burks Rodgers
 Grace Rodgers
 W. W. McPherson
 Mary Scott
 Mallie McDougald
 Joe Wigley
 Ida Wigley
 Florence Seamon
 Mellie Poole
 Lizzie Oden
 W. L. Rodgers
 Roxie McPherson
 J. W. Willcoxon
 Phelix Wigley
 Lullia Wigley
 George Roberts
 J. V. Ridgle
 Everett Seamon
 Bettie Evant
 Belle Rodgers
 Cephia Wigley
 Ethel Jones
 Pearl ?uaker
 James Willcox
 Hampton Etheridge
 Almeta Cope
 Blanche Jordan
 Eatman White
 Jessie Brooks
 Ophelea Scott
 Minnie Belle Gardner
 Gerald Pyron
 Willie Gifford
 Virgie McDougald
 Guy Rodgers
 Allen Johnson
 Halcord McDougald
 Ewell High
 S. W. Moore
 Lizzie Moore
 Minnie Moore
 Jessie Moore
 Edwin Moore
 T. B. Rodgers
 Julia Etheridge
 Andra Cope
 Garden Cope
 Hunter Scott
 Florence Selmon
 Walton Moore
 Dean Willcoxon
 Beckie Chavis
 A. J. Ward
 Mary Ward
 Pryor Ward
 Minnie Hudgens
 John Chavis

Dec
Dec
Dis

Bro. L. M. Webb
 Sis. L. M. Webb
 Bridie (?) Webb
 Bettie Woods
 Bertha Swinnel
 Mannie Pyron
 Eula Stell Dis
 Nonie Masses
 Fred Etheridge
 Edith Etheridge Dis
 Alvin Goode Dis
 Bessie Goode Dis
 Alma Willcoxon
 Lillie Belle Moore Dis

28. Callie Jeffers
29. Calvin Jeffers
30. Mrs. Calvin Jeffers
31. Harold Jeffers
32. Cally Jeffers
33. Mrs. Colley Jeffers
34. Bertie Jeffers
35. Milton Jeffers
36. Mrs. Milton Jeffers
37. Walter Culp
38. Mrs. Walter Culp
39. Dudley Culp
40. Mattie Culp
41. Travis Culp
42. Irwin Culp
43. Alma Culp
- 44.
- 45.
46. Mary Culp
47. Elloe Culp
48. Scott Aldread
49. Mrs. Scott Aldread
50. Allen McPherson
51. Mrs. Allen McPherson
52. Beatrice McPherson
53. W. W. McPherson
54. Mrs. W. W. McPherson
55. T. W. McPherson
56. Mrs. T. W. McPherson
57. Joe Chadwick
58. Mrs. Joe Chadwick
59. Spence Chadwick
60. Aubrey Chadwick
61. Mrs. Aubrey Chadwick d. Oct. 1933
62. Jim Gifford
63. Mrs. Jim Gifford
64. Will Brown
65. Mrs. Will Brown
66. Frances Kelly
67. Mrs. Frances Kelly
68. Malvin Wood
69. Alvin Wood
70. Mrs. Della Bates
71. Mrs. Cleva Gaddy
72. Mrs. Addie Lou Parker
73. Mrs. Mellie Poole
74. Minnie Belle Gardner
75. Mrs. Ola Ford
76. Mrs. Mattie (Allen) Wilcoxon
77. Mrs. Mattie Lou Jorgenson
78. Mrs. Opal Hobbs
79. Author Tullos
80. Jim Perser
81. Mellie Perser
82. J. J. Myers
83. Herbert Allison
84. Mrs. Reba Graves

Contributors for pastors salary 193?

Albert Jeffers
 Will Brown
 Mr. A. McPherson
 Joe Wigley
 Mrs. Rodges
 Mrs. W. W. McPherson
 A. J. Jeffers
 Joe Chadwick

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Church Membership 1933

1. Mrs. Mattie Chavis
2. Joe Wigley
3. Mrs. Joe Wigley
4. F. T. Wigley
5. Mrs. F. T. Wigley
6. Mattie Wigley
7. Claude Wigley
8. Mrs. Claude Wigley
9. Ashley Wigley
10. Mrs. Ashley Wigley
11. Bonnie Wigley
12. M. A. Sanson
13. Mrs. M. A. Sanson
14. T. L. Scott
15. Mrs. T. L. Scott
16. Aubrey Scott
17. Mrs. Aubrey Scott
18. George Scott
19. William Scott
20. Mrs. Tom Scott
21. S. W. Holland
22. Mrs. S. W. Holland
23. Joe Holland
24. Mrs. Joe Holland
25. A. J. Jeffers
26. Mrs. A. J. Jeffers
27. Woodrow Jeffers

85. Mrs. Josie Graves
 86. Edgar Vines
 87. Lizzie McCarthy
 88. Myrtle Stewart
 89. Marie Uptegrove
 90. Eugene Uptegrove
 91. Hampton Hallmon
 92. Mrs. Cephia Paul
 93. Pauline Paul
 94. H. B. McDougald
 95. Mrs. H. B. McDougald
 96. Doyle McDougald
 97. Maxine McDougald
 98. Jack Mitchel
 99. Dell Mitchel
 100. Mrs. Della Martin
 101. Claudell Martin
 102. Dorothy Martin
 103. Mrs. W. L. Rodgers
 104. Hudson Rodgers
 105. Mrs. Hudson Rodgers
 106. D. L. Moore died 1936
 107. Mrs. Forence Harville
 108. Mrs. Minnie Sleet
 109. A. J. Ward
 110. August Paul
 111. Mrs. Irene Wigley
 112. Mrs. Jamie Doulgas
 113. Melvin Jeffers
 114. Margurette Martin
 115. Christine Manning
 116. Kelsey Jeffers
 117. Myrtle Brown
 118. D. C. Wigley
 119. Mrs. D. C. Wigley
 120. Nadine Wigley
 121. E. E. Seamons
 122. Hunter Harville
 123. Zack Ricks
 124. Mrs. Zack Ricks
 125. Bonnie Lee Paul
 126. Jean Jeffers
 127. Jewel Gardner
 128. Mrs. Jewel Gardner
 129. W. C. Wigley
 130. Mrs. W. C. Wigley
 131. Grady Madden
 132. Walter Wigley
 133. James Holland
 134.
 135.
 136. Olivia Jackson
 137. Margurette Ruth Jackson
 138. Robert Raybon
 139. Mrs. Robert Raybon
 140. Ruth Raybon
 141. Willie Brown
 142. Mrs. Willie Brown

Church Membership 1930-32

1. Mattie Chavis
 2. Mary Ann Yelvington
 3. Joe Wigley
 4. Ida Wigley
 5. Mary Scott died March ??
 6. Mellie Poole
 7. W. L. Rodgers died July ??
 8. Dora Rodgers
 9. F. T. Wigley
 10. Lula Wigley
 11. Ophelia Scott
 12. Thurston Scott
 13. Minnie Bell Gardner
 14. Claudelle Rodgers
 15. Ola Ford
 16. Mattie Allen Wilconon
 17. S. W. Holland
 18. Mrs. S. W. Holland
 19. Cleva Goody
 20. Girtie Gifford
 21. Walter Culp
 22. Mrs. Walter Culp
 23. Joe Holland
 24. Effie Jeffers
 26. Cally Jeffers
 27. Calvin Jeffers
 28. Mattie Culp
 29. Guy Aldred
 30. Ida Aldred
 31. A. J. Jeffers
 32. Dora Jeffers
 33. J. E. Scott died
 34. Addie Lou Parker
 35. Scott Aldred
 36. Treva Aldred
 37. Walter Roberts
 38. Ashley Wigley
 39. Ollie Jeffers
 40. Hudson Rodgers
 41. Joe Culp
 42. Author Tullos
 43. Hellen Deckleman
 44.
 45.
 46. Beatrice McPherson
 47. Myrtice Holland
 48. Della Bates
 49. D. L. Moore
 50. Lois Morman
 51. Victor Morman
 52. Milton Jeffers
 53. Travis Culp
 54. Mellie Person
 55. Jim Persen
 56. Irvin Culp
 57. Josie Holland
58. Reba Wigley
 59. Francis Kelly
 60. Eula Mae Kelly
 61. C. B. Kelly
 62. Mrs. C. B. Kelly
 63. Josephine Cameron
 64. J. J. Myers
 65. Woodrow Jeffers
 66. Malvin Wood
 67. Alvin Wood
 68. Nobia Lee Pruitt
 69. Alma Culp
 70. Callie Jeffers
 71. Herbert Allison
 72. Dudley Culp
 73. George Scott
 74. Marie Uptegrove
 75. Willeen Scott
 76. Leatha Howell died Aug ??
 77. Mattie Lou Jorgenson
 78. Will Brown
 79. Rebecca Brown
 80. R. B. Culp
 81. Mrs. R. B. Culp
 82. Mary Culp
 83. Elloe Culp
 84. Joe Chadwick
 85. Ella Chadwick
 86. Bertha Chadwick
 87. Opal Hobbs
 88. Cephia Paul
 89. Bonnie Wigley
 90. Clifton Wigley
 91. Jack Mitchell
 92. Edgar Vines
 93. Lizzie McCarthy
 94. Myrtle Stewart
 95. Bernice Wigley
 96. Katie Chadwick
 97. Rosa Moore
 98. Estelle Jeffers
 99. Trudy Scott
 100. Hamton Hollman
 101. Harold Jeffers
 102. Spince Chadwick
 103. Aubrey Scott
 104. Eugene Uptigrove
 105. Aubrey Chadwick
 106. R. ? Moore
 107. Wasley McPherson
 108. Roxey McPherson
 109. Jim Gifford
 110. Willis Gifford
 111. Vera Scott
 112. Cephia Paul
 113. Pauline Paul
 114. Effie Wigley
 115. Claude Wigley

116. H. B. McDougold
 117. Mrs. H. B. McDougold
 118. Maxine McDougold
 119. Doyle McDougold
 120. Mrs. L. W. McPherson

121. L. W. McPherson
 122. Jamie Douglas
 123. Bertie Jeffers
 124. Dorthey Martin
 125. Claudell Martin

126. Della Martin
 127. M. A. Sanson
 128. Mrs. M. A. Sanson
 129. Dell Mitchell

Pastors of Shiloh Church

1895	J. W. Sims	1911-12	Laurence Holt
1896	T. G. Morgan	1913	Jeff Willis
1897	Hogan Allen	1913-15	R. J. Willis
1898	Hogan Allen	1915-18	A. F. Willis
1899	J. W. Sims	1919	D. R. Dunham
1900	J. W. Sims	1920	T. G. Morgan
1901	W. C. Harley	1920-24	H. A. Johnson
1902	E. T. Mitchel	1924-29	M. E. Sullivan
1903	E. T. Mitchel	1930-34	T. G. Morgan
1904-May 1905	G. D. Moore	1934-35	A. J. Powers
1905-09	L. M. Webb	1935	T. G. Morgan
1910	G. W. Brey	1936	S. W. Moore

Obituary of Elizabeth Hudson Woods

Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from labor to rest our sister, grandmother Woods who held membership with us therefore be it resolved that we feel that in the passing of our sister the cause of our Christ has suffered the loss of a lover of the truth. But we bow in humble submission to His will who doeth all things well. We also are in sympathy with her bereaved ones. Mrs. was prior to her marriage Miss Elizabeth P. Hudson. She was born in Alabama August 29, 1843. Moved to the State of Arkansas at the age of twelve. She united with the Baptist Church when 13 years of age and lived a devoted Christian life for 72 years. She was married to W.H.H. Woods October 12th 1865, who later united with the church and devoted his life to the call of the Gospel. To this union was born 10 children.

She died at the age of 85 years, October 25, 1928, and is survived by a son, Rev. J. R. Woods of Little Rock and a daughter Ms. W. L. Rodgers of Hamburg, twenty-two grandchildren, twenty-five great-grandchildren and a host of friends.

Funeral service was conducted at Flat Creek Cemetery with her pastor, Bro. M. E. Sullivan of Shilo in charge. Bro. S. Moore and Bro. H. Adcock of Flat Creek assisted. She was laid to rest in Flat Creek Cemetery.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this be sent to Baptist Commons, Baptist Advance and Ashley County Leader ad a copy be spread on Church Record. Done by order of conference in Shilo Church, December 8th, 1928.

M. E. Sullivan, Mod
 Joe Wigley, C. C.

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FINCH-BOXX WEDDING

The simplicity and charm of Autumn held the setting for the marriage of Miss Mildred Linda Boxx, daughter of Mrs. L. L. Boxx and the late Mr. Boxx of Water Valley, Miss., to Mr. William Calhoun Finch, son of Mrs. W. E. Finch and the late Mr. Finch of Crossett, Arkansas. The ceremony was impressively solemnized in the First Baptist Church in Jennings, La., September 29 at four p. m.

Miss Grace Calhoun of Crossett, aunt of the groom, organist, and Mrs. Claude Kirkpatrick of Jennings, La., soloist, gave a program of nuptial music. Rev. Bruce Lowe read the double ring ritual.

The bride, given in marriage by Dr. F. W. Harrell, friend of the family, was most becoming in a ballerina length dress of white brocade taffeta and nylon tulle. The short sleeved fitted bodice buttoned down the front with minute covered buttons featured her delicate elbow length lace trimmed mitts ending in Calla Lily points over the hands. Fullness in the skirt was developed by a nylon hoop petticoat and her white satin ballerina pumps emphasized the ballerina effect. Her fingertip veil of white illusion and Spanish lace fell graciously from a fitted Spanish lace cap. She carried a nosegay of stephanotis centered with an orchid and tied with white satin streamers.

Miss Gertrude Killmer, Jennings, La., served as maid of honor. Miss Killmer was dressed similar to the bride in orchid taffeta and nylon net. She wore a halo edged with net ruching. She carried a nosegay of pink rosebuds tied with orchid ribbon. Wearing a copy of the bride's dress and carrying a bouquet of yellow baby chrysanthemums, was little Bellind Kay Hogan, who served as flower girl.

Leroy Higginbotham, Jr., Hamburg, brother-in-law of the groom, served as best man. Horace Vincent of Maplewood, La., and B. O. Green of Jennings, La., were ushers.

The bride's mother was charming in a navy blue crepe dress, navy hat and accessories. Her shoulder corsage was also of baby orchids.

Mrs. W. E. Finch, mother of the groom, was attired in Copenhagen blue crepe dress and black accessories. She wore a shoulder corsage of baby orchids.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the home of Mrs. Archie Green. Miss Florence Thomas served the cake and Mrs. Leroy Higginbotham, Jr., sister of the groom, presided at the punch bowl.

Mr. and Mrs. Finch left on a wedding trip to the Gulf Coast and New Orleans. For traveling Mrs. Finch chose a Mauve satin suit with brown velvet accessories. Mr. and Mrs. Finch will make their home in New Orleans, 3313 Carondelet Street, where Mr. Finch is employed with the Ernest Engineering Company.

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A Home Town Is Born

Crossett, Arkansas, company town, blossomed into thriving community when citizens gained chance to own their homes.

By LLEWELLYN MILLER*

THE Crossett Lumber Company was formed in 1899, when three Iowa investors bought a vast forest in Arkansas—920 square miles of tall, whispering pines laced only by wandering wagon trails and deer paths. The company hauled in a sawmill and imported workers to fell the trees and for these loggers' families they built dwellings, a store and a school. Gradually a little town took shape. They called it Crossett.

By 1946 the sawmill, kraft-paper plant and a chemical factory were supporting a population of 3,000. At first glance it looked like any other small community in southern Arkansas, but it wasn't. Every dwelling and inch of land, with the solitary exception of where the post office stood, was owned by the company.

In many ways it was a pleasant place to live. Rents were low. The company gave each building a fresh coat of gray and white paint at regular intervals. If a tap dripped or a roof leaked, repairs were made in a hurry—no charge. Medical services were virtually free. Work was steady. Wages were good.

But something was wrong.

Crossett wasn't anyone's home town, not even the owners'. Most of the young people who went away

to college never came back. There was no place for them unless they contented themselves with working for the company. A few employees who started with the logging camp stayed and reared their families. More people worked a few years and drifted away. Labor turnover was high.

The company made a steady profit from the mills and from rents and services but as the years went by the mood of their town worried them. In deepest secrecy they made elaborate plans for an experiment. Crossett was rocked with surprise on the morning of December 5, 1946, when the postmen delivered identical letters to each of the 967 homes announcing that the whole town was for sale to the people who lived there.

The news swept through the streets like a spring wind. It whirled women together in spontaneous meetings in their homes. At the company mills and plants, at the company bank, inn and service stations, men gathered in astounded conference. For years people had tried to buy homes in Crossett without success. What was behind this sudden, sweeping reversal of company policy?

Some tenants were delighted. Others were suspicious. "What's in this for the company?" they asked. "Why are they unloading the houses? Are they shutting down? Is this going to be a ghost town?" The company was asking questions also.

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"Will the people want to buy? If they do, will they keep up the streets? Will they paint the houses? Will there be slums before long in our spic-and-span town?"

What happened astonished both groups.

Guesseas as to how many homes would be sold had wavered from 10 to 50 per cent of the tenants. The first surprise was when every single renter except one bought. A few families paid cash, sold within weeks and cheerfully moved away with several thousand dollars of quick profit jingling in their pockets. On the other hand, there was eager inquiry from scores of employees who commuted from neighboring towns. "What about us?" they asked. "Now that we can buy homes, we want to live in Crossett, too." So the company laid out new streets in the forest at the edge of town, and Crossett began its extraordinary growth in size.

Paint Up, Fix Up

Other surprises came fast. Half the town rushed to buy paint—white, yellow, pink, green, anything but Crossett gray. Hammers rang through the town on weekends as new owners added rooms and porches. Blocks of identical houses set the look of tidy barracks.

There was a raid on seed stores. Flowers and shrubs went in. Lawns unwatered for years turned green. There was a boom in furniture buying. New rugs, draperies, stoves and refrigerators were delivered by the truckload. Water consumption per house jumped on an average of 1,300 gallons a month because of the increase in washers, air-conditioning and gardening.

big, spontaneous community effort to save Miss Carrie Calhoun, principal of the elementary school, for Crossett.

Miss Carrie was the one tenant who did not buy her home. She couldn't afford to. She had started teaching in 1907 and her salary had taken care of younger brothers and sisters. When they were educated she was so in the habit of caring for others that all her extra money went to aid children of migrant workers who helped on the forest farms and drifted through Crossett's schools.

"If a child is cold, or hungry, or sick, he can't learn—and learning won't wait," she said crisply. She saved no money.

Present for the Teacher

"Everybody who grew up in Crossett had taken her orders and was better for them," said William Norman, one of the few young men who came back after college to Crossett and rose to high position with the company. "We have a teachers' retirement fund in Arkansas, and the school board voted her an additional sum, but it didn't seem enough for all she had done for the town. No one person started the idea but suddenly everybody from kids to company officials was collecting money to buy her house and keep her here."

Crossett is a great town for keeping secrets. Miss Carrie had no hint as to what was going to happen on her last day at school. First there was a parade. Teachers and children marched by classes. So did old graduates. Some came from far away for the event and there were letters and telegrams from 23 states. At night there was a pageant with Miss

Most significantly, the prim picket fences that cut each house off from the next came down in one contagious community impulse. They were in the way of the new neighborly trading of tools, advice and comment on scores of new problems of civic responsibility that other towns take for granted. "The place was electrified by private ownership. Overnight it even smelled better," said Paul Kays, appointed by the company to handle the complicated details of change-over from company-owned settlement to normal town.

Crossett had been incorporated as a town in 1902, mainly to get recognition for mail delivery. Technically the inhabitants had been choosing their own officials, but actually there was little interest. Frequently candidates ran unopposed. Why bother to vote when the company owned the town—and paid the taxes?

"I had served as election judge when not more than 25 voters turned out," said Ovid Switzer, former state senator, "but at the first city election after the change-over they turned out in droves. For almost the first time there was competition for office."

What they did about taxes was an eye-opener. Instead of being dismayed at the new, painful experience of taxes, the new home owners raised the rate by overwhelming vote. They wanted, and built, two handsome new schools and later a \$200,000 municipal building. The airport had been only a cow pasture; they expanded and improved it. The fire department had been on an unpaid basis; this seemed an offense to newborn civic pride so the citizens voted to pay each volunteer \$2.50 for each alarm answered.

Carrie's life acted by her teachers. Then she was called to the stage and given the deed to her house, paid for by contributions of ten cents to \$100 from virtually everyone in town. For once Miss Carrie was speechless, but the roar of applause spoke the whole town's emotion for her.

The biggest surprise to the company was that Crossett did not settle down after its first expansion but continues to grow. New industry came in, attracted by the chance to buy and build near plentiful power and raw materials and a newly stable labor supply. Chase Bag, Simplex Paper Corporation and Bennis Brothers Bag Company attracted hundreds of workers to Crossett; so many new citizens that the Crossett Company tore up the second town plan and ordered another—for a town of an expected 25,000.

Had the original owners seen any part of this they would not have believed their eyes. When they started they planned to follow standard practice of those days—slash down the trees and move on, leaving a ghost town among the stumps. They gave the village twenty years at the outside. But they were God-fearing men and while they were responsible for the settlement named after their company they were determined to keep it a safe and decent place to live in. Everyone was expected to obey the curfew, a blinking of all lights from the main switch at 10:55 each night. Time to go to bed! The company not only gave the town its buildings but also set the pattern for their use.

So, very early, two marked atti-

husband's insurance business after his death and made a substantial success of it.

Before the company offered Crossett for sale it had called in a town planner to set aside generous park, playground and school sites for a model town of 6,000. But it was thought that the population would never grow to more than double current size. Within a year private enterprise had caused such a boom that they quietly ordered another plan—for a future town of 10,000.

The busier the town became, the more the citizens seemed able to do for it and themselves. Social activities increased. A community chorus was started. A branch of the American Association of University Women was organized. A concert club sold enough memberships to underwrite a series of musical attractions each winter. A civil air patrol was started. A riding club was formed and the members built a 3,500-seat arena. Various organizations ran benefits and raised money for new instruments and uniforms for the school band, for Teen Town and Scout club houses and a small zoo for the youngsters.

A curious change came over the company as well. Instead of losing interest in the town it no longer owned, it was inspired to even more generous gestures. When congregations formed to bring in new ministers the company matched privately raised building funds dollar for dollar. When Negro citizens cleared land, poured tennis courts and built a playground, the company built them a swimming pool and dedicated it to the city.

And the whole town joined in one

tudes were established. One was a generous, somewhat fatherly, but quite strict control of private lives as well as of working conditions by the company. The second was almost total dependence of employees on the company for all civic and most social decisions. The man who was out of step with company ideas left town. There was no place to live except in company houses. The man who was fired or who quit left his house when he left his job. There was no problem about old folks ready to retire. All the workers were young. The town would be gone by the time they could no longer work.

"There are four important elements in industry," said Peter Watzek, grandson of one of the founders and president of the Crossett Company. "Raw materials, capital, customers—and people. We had the first three but we realized early that there was something wrong with the way we were dealing with the fourth. It took years of worrying before we came up with the answer, which is simple: Americans prefer freedom to paternalistic government, which is what the company had become."

Crossett was not changed overnight and all was not sweetness and light. There were growing pains. Most of the streets today are better than they ever were, but some few districts have let theirs run down. Nearly 50 years of depending on the company has left its mark. The company's gift of the auditorium was not received without criticism. "Why an auditorium when we need

streets and another school?" said a portion of the town.

"That's normal too," said Robert Fisher, new owner and editor of the weekly *Crossett News Observer*. "It's the American spirit, reserving the right to bite the hand that feeds you."

There were scandals. Ashley County voted itself dry in 1942 and bootleggers lurked in the woods. "I've preached all over," said Brother Dan. "This is the cleanest town I've ever seen, but you'll always find some who live in hog heaven—vote dry and drink wet."

Steady Progress

Some citizens wanted to forge ahead too fast for the rest. The bond issue for the new municipal building, dedicated this year, was defeated twice before passing by a comfortable majority.

But progress is steady. The town, and the company too, have absorbed wisdom from the forest.

"When you work with nature you become very patient," said Peter Watzek. "When you plant a tree today that your children will not harvest for 50 years, you learn that all growing things need their own time—forests, people, towns. We tried to give Crossett the same chance we give our forests. When we gave nature a chance it replenished the forest. Now we know that we made no mistake in trusting human nature to do the same for Crossett and make it a town that all of us can call home."

• Sir Humphrey Colquhoun XII of Colquhoun & XIV of Luss; Lady Catherine Graham b. 1495, d. 1557. no. name of child	born where lived at died when buried at married who when
1 John XII KT.	-1515 Dumbarton Garscube, " - Garscube, " Christian Campbell
2 James	" " " " Lady Agnes Boyd 11-15-1564
3 Rev. Adam	" " " " Lady Agnes Boyd 11-15-1564
4 Patrick	" " " " Christian Campbell 10-28-1558
5 Helen	" " " " " " " "
6 Marion	" " " " " " " "
• Sir John Colquhoun XIII, KT. & XV of Luss. b. 1515, d. 1526.	had no issue to 1st wife. b. 1512, d. 1564.
Sir John Colquhoun XIII, KT. & XV of Luss. b. 1515, d. 1574.	had issue 3 ss 2 daus. b. d. 7-18-1584, buried at Edinburgh, Scotland.
no. name of child	born where lived at died when buried at married who when
1 Humphrey XIV KT.	-1565 Dumbarton Dumbarton, Scot. - Lady Agnes Boyd 11-15-1564
2 John Roy	-1567 " " Dunbar, Scot., 11-30-1592 Edinburgh, " (Beheaded Single)
3 Alexander XV	-1573 " " Dunbar, Scot., 5-23-1617 Edinburgh, " Helen Buchanan 12-29-1585
4 Jean	" " Minto, " Glasgow, " Sir Matthew Stuart 8-8-1595
5 Margaret	" " Duntrath, " Duntreath, " Sir James Edmonstone KT. -
• Sir Humphrey Colquhoun XIV KT & XVI of Luss b. 1565, d. 1592.	had no issue to 1st wife. b. Lady Jean Cunningham 5-15-1583
Sir Humphrey Colquhoun XIV KT & XVI of Luss b. 1565, d. 1592.	had issue 3 daus. b. Lady Jean Hamilton 12-29-1585
no. name of child	born where lived at died when buried at married who when
1 Jean	- Dumbarton, Dumbarton, Scot. 12-25-1593 Dumbarton, Scot. Single
2 Margaret	- " Glasgow, " Glasgow, " " " "
3 Anna	- " Edinburgh, " Edinburgh, " Colin Campbell m. 12-29-1585
• Sir Alexander Colquhoun XV & XVI of Luss b. 1573, d. 5-23-1617,	had issue 6 ss 5 daus. Margaret Helen Buchanan m. 8-8-1595
no. name of child	born where lived at died when buried at married who when
1 John BT. XVI	-1596 Dumbarton. Dumbarton, Scot. - Italy in Exile. Lady Lillias Graham 7-6-1620
2 Humphrey M.P.	" " Balvie, " Balvie, Scot. Margaret Somerville -
3 Alexander XVI	" " Tulliechewan, " Tulliechewan. Marion Stirling 9-1631
4 Walter	" Sweden Sweden
5 Adam	-1601 Dumbarton, Scot. 12-1634 Dumbarton, Scot. Lady Christian Lindsay -1621
6 George	Sweden Sweden
7 Jean	- Dumbarton, Scot. Dumbarton, " Lord Allan Cathcart 1626
8 Nans (Nancy)	Corkagh, Co. Donegal - Co. Donegal.
9 Katherine	Maybole, Co. Ayr, Scot. - Maybole, Scot. Sir John Mure
10 Helen	" " " " Sir Duncan Campbell
11 Mary	" " " " Sir William Hamilton

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c-1621											
• Adam Colquhoun b. 1601, d. Dec. 1634.	had issue 1	ss 1 dau.	where Lived at	b. c-1603, d. 1629.	both buried at Dumbarton, Scotland.	when died when	married who	Katherine McCausland	Thomas Buchanan	-1641	m.
no. name of child	born	where	buried at								
1 Robert	-1622	Dumbarton.	Corkagh, Ireland. alive in 1666								
2 Helen	-1625	"	Carbeth, Scotland.								
			(6th Lord Carbeth)								
c-1621											m.
• Robert Colquhoun (Colhoun) b. 1622, he was alive in 1666. had issue 3 ss 2 daus +	b.	d.	lived at	b.	died when	buried at	married who	when			
no. name of child	born	where	Crosh House Est.	-		Ardstraw, Ire.	Catherine McCausland	-1661			
1 William Campbell	-1643	Corkagh, Ire.	Letterkenny, Ire.	-		Letterkenny,	Mary ???	c-1665			
2 Charles	-1645	"	Bellabea, Co. Mon.	-		Bellabea, Ire.	Rev. William Young	-			
3 Catherine	-1647	"	Bellabea, Co. Mon.	-			Elizabeth Buchanan	-1676			
4 John	-1650	"	Co. Donegal	-			Andrew Lewis	c-1676			
5 Mary	-1653	"	"				Mr. Crockett	-			
6 Helen	-1655	-2	"								
c-1661											m.
• William Campbell Colhoun b. 1643 d. ??	had issue 3 ss & others.	b.	lived at	b.	died when	both buried at Ardstraw, Co. Tyrone, Ire.					
no. name of child	born	where	Crosh House Est.	-		Ardstraw, Ire.	Eliz. Judith Hamilton	-1684			
1 Rev. Alexander	-1662	Crosh House.	Corkagh, Co. Don.	-			Alice Cunningham ??	c-1690			
2 William	-1664	"	Co. Donegal	-			Mary Crockett	c-1688			
3 Ezekiel	-1666	"									
c-1661											m.
• Rev. Alexander Colhoun b. 1662, d. 1716.	had issue 8 ss 4 daus.	b.	lived at	b.	died when	both buried at Ardstraw, Co. Tyrone, Ire.					
no. name of child	born	where	Strabane, Ire.	4-10-1755	Strabane, Ire.	Eliz. Judith Hamilton	-1706				
1 John	-1685	Crosh House	Crosh House Est.	9-26-1756	Ardstraw, Ire.	Patience McCausland.	-1736				
2 Major William	-1686	"	Strahulter, Ire.	-1756	Ardstraw, Ire.	Judith Hamilton	-				
3 Audley	-1687	"	Chestnut Level, USA.	-1741	Chestnut Level.	Catherine Montgomery	c-1713				
4 James Patrick	-1688	"	Enniskillen, Ire. alive -1772	-		John Gordon	-				
5 Judith	-1690	"	Co. Donegal, Ire.	-1753	Ardstraw, Ire.	not known					
6 Hugh	c-1692	"	Co. Donegal, Ire.	-1723	Co. Donegal, Ire. not known	Samuel Crockett	-				
7 Humphry	c-1694	"	Augusta Co. Va. USA.	-		Charles Kincaid	-				
8 Catherine	c-1696	"	Strabane, Ire. (before-1772) Strabane, Ire.	-		not known					
9 Helen	c-1698	"	Burndennett Ire. alive -1789	Ardstraw, Ire.		not known					
10 Andrew	-1700	"	Augusta Co. Va.	-		Archibald Hamilton	-				
11 Frances	-1703	"	Ballyhallock, Co. Cork, Ireland	-2-1788	Closherny Chyd, Margaret Hazlitt	-1738					
12 Rev. Alexander Jr.	-1705	"									
c-1706											m.
John Colhoun b. 1685, d. 4-10-1755,	had issue 4 ss 1 dau. +	b.	lived at	b.	died when	both buried at Strabane, Ire.					
no. name of child	born	where	Strabane, Ire.	7-13-1795	Strabane, Ire.	Elizabeth Hazlitt	when				
1 John (Jack)	e-1707	Corncampo.	St. Johnston, Ire.								
2 Owen	e-1709	Strabane, Ire.	Greenhill, Carrigans, Ire.	alive in 1786							
3 William	c-1711	"	"	"			Miss Cary				

● Rev. Alexander Colhoun Sr.		Lady Judith Hamilton	m	-1684
b. 1652, d. 1716,	known issue 8 ss 4 daus.	b. 1562, d.		
no. name of child	born where	lived at died when buried at	married who	when
1 John Sr.	-1685 Crosh House, Strabane, Ire.	4-10-1755 Strabane, Ire. Elizabeth	???????	-1706
2 Major William	-1686 " " Co.	Crosh House, Ire. 9-26-1756 Ardstraw, "	Patience McCausland	-1735
3 Audley	-1687 " Tyrone Strahulter, "	-1756 "	Judith Hamilton	-
4 James Patrick	-1688 " "	-1741 Chesnut Lev; Catherine Montgomery	Capt. Robert Gordon	-
5 Judith	-1690 " "	Burndennett, Ire. alive-1772 Ardstraw, "	Not Known	ca-1722
6 Hugo 1st.	-1692 " "	Augusta, Co. Va. -1753 Ardstraw, Ire. Agnes McCleary	Archibald Hamilton	-
7 Humphry	-1694 " "	" -1723 Co. Donegal. Not known	Samuel Crickett	-
8 Catherine	-1696 " "	Augusta Co. Va. Usa. Strabane, Ire. Charles Kincaid	Capt. Robert Gordon	-
9 Helen	-1698 " "	Burndennett, Ire. 0.K.-1789 Ardstraw, "	Not Known	ca-1722
● 10 Andrew 1st	-1700 " "	Augusta, Co. Va. -1788 Clogherny Ch. Margaret Hazlitt	Rebecca H. Darrington	-
11 Frances	-1703 " "	Sixmilecross, " 11-7-1788 Clogherny Ch. Margaret Hazlitt	Henry Maxwell.	-
12 Rev. Alexander Jr.,	-1705 " "	Wife not known yet.		ca-1722
● Andrew Colhoun 1st b. 1700, d. after 1789.		known issue 6 ss 4 daus.	b. d.	
no. name of child	born where	lived at died when buried at	married who	when
1 Daughter	ca-1723 Burndennet, Ire.	ca-1770 Ireland	?????? Smith	-
2 Andrew 2nd	-1724 " Ire.	Carlisle, Pa. US. After-1790	Wife unknown	-
3 Margaret	-1725 " Dublin, Ire.	Dublin, Ire.	?????? Carmichael	-
4 Daughter	-1726 " Ireland	Ireland	?????? Dalton	-
5 Robert	-1728 " Wythe Co. Va.	Wythe Co. Va.	Anne Buchanan	-
6 William	-1730 " Augusta, Co. Va.	-1791 Wythe Co. Va.	Elizabeth ??????	-
7 John	-1731 " York, Pa. USA.	York, Pa. USA.	M. with a family.	-
8 James	-1732 " Augusta, Va.	Augusta Co. Va.		-
9 Catherine	-1734 " Cumberland Co. Pa.	Cumberland Co. Pa.	Ann Proctor	-1768
10 Hugh Jr.	-1735 " "	Wife unknown	m	-
Andrew Calhoun 2nd b. 1724, d. after 1790.	known issue 2 ss born where lived at b. died when	buried at married who		
no. name of child				
1 John	-1754 Carlisle, Pa. York, Pa.	" (128 King St) -	Anna Marie Ford	-1792
2 Andrew 3rd	-1759 " "			
Andrew Calhoun 3rd b. 1759, d. ca. 1804.	known issue 4 ss 1 dau. born where lived at b. died when	buried at married who		
no. name of chld				
1 Alexander	-1794 York, Pa. USA. N.Y. City, N.Y.	pre-1861 N.Y. City.	Single	-
2 John	-1796 " York, Pa. USA.	-1827	Widower	-
3 Joseph	-1803 " Georgetown, Pa.	Elizabeth ??? (1 dau.)	Rebecca H. Darrington	-
4 Charles	3-26-1802 " Georgetown, Pa.	Georgetown, Pa. 6-19-1880 Georgetown.	Maxwell.	-1822
5 Mary Ann	-1804 "	alive-1861	Henry Metz	-

No. Child's name	born where	lived at	died when	buried at	married who	when
I Carrie Christine	6-4-1882 born where	Glenmora, Crossett, Ark.	2-3-1964 died when	Fordice, Ark. Single	Margaret Elizabeth Stewart	n 10-26-1880
2 Walter Thomas	7-6-1884	" La.	Shreveport, La. 4-2-1957	Houston, Tex. Georgia Sanders	-	
3 Mamie Agnes	12-6-1886	"	Little Rock, Ar. 2-9-1967	Fordice, Ark. Single		
4 Emily Magnolia	12-23-1888	"	Crossett, Ark. 10-8-1974	Crossitt, " William E. Finch	II-19-1921	
5 Un-named Twin Son	-1890	"	-Info Glenmora, La.	-Info		
6 " "	Dau. -1890	"	"	"		
7 Bernette Estella	8-12-1894	Fordice, Crossett, Ark.	5-13-1917 died when	Fordice, Ark. Single	4-14-1979	
8 Grace Rosalea	5-12-1896	" Ark.	"	"		
9 James Roy	1-8-1900	Little Rock, "	I-27-1980 Little Rock, Alberta Young	I2-II-1936		
10 William Lee	1-8-1900	winter Park, Fla.	Winter Park, Fla. Harriett Wells	6-29-1935		
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Margaret Ann Finch	B.12-23-1888, D.10-8-1974, known issue I s I dau.	B.7-2-1889, D.4-20-1945, Buried at Crossitt, Ark.	Toni Lynn Trigg	m	II-19-1921	
No. Child's name	born where	lived at	died when	buried at	married who	when
I Margaret Ann	12-2-1923	Crossitt, Charleston, S.C.	Leroy Higginbotham	m	8-30-1964	
2 William Calhoun	8-6-1926	" Ark. Fort Gibson, Miss.	Rachel Mc.Johnson	m	9-1941	
			Mildred L. Boxx	m	6-17-1966	
			Violet G. Brooks	m	Phillip Armstrong 10-18-1969	
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Margaret Ann Finch	B.12-2-1923, known issue I s I dau.	B.11-14-1922, died when	Toni Lynn Trigg	m	10-31-1941	
No. Child's name	born where	lived at	died when	buried at	married who	when
I Leroy H. 3rd	II-19-1944	Crossitt, Ark.	Ralph Bruce Long	m	Div.	
2 Anne Carol	6-7-1947	Monroe, La.	Phillip Armstrong 10-18-1969	m		
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Leroy Higginbotham	3rd	Toni Lynn Trigg	m	8-30-1964		
B. II-19-1944, known issue I son	B. died when	died when	buried at	married who	when	
No. Child's name	born where	lived at	died when	buried at	married who	when
I Leroy H. IV.	7-24-1968	Alexandria, La. USA.	Ralph Bruce Long	m	6-17-1966	
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Anne Carol Higginbotham	B. 6-7-1947, known issue I son	Phillip Dale Armstrong	m	10-18-1969		
No. Child's name	born where	lived at	died when	buried at	married who	when
I Bruce Damon	2-7-1967	Crossitt, Ark.	B. -1947.	m		
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Anne Carol Higginbotham-Long	B. as above Known issue 2 adopted children. B.	Phillip Dale Armstrong	m	10-18-1969		
No. Child's name	born where	lived at	died when	buried at	married who	when
I Bruce Damon	Long 2-7-1967	Crossett, Ark.	Div.			
2 Ashley Ann Armstrong	4-18-1976 at Alexandria, La.					

					9-9-1951
• William Calhoun Finch Sr.	B.8-6-1926, No. Child's name I William C. Jr.	known issue I son born 2-11-1958 where Winter Valley, S.C.	lived at Miss.U.S.	died when married who Betty E.Houston	when buried at 3-7-1981
• William Calhoun Finch Sr.	B. as above	Violet Geraldine(Yeatman)Brooks	m		10-29-1983
		No Issue	m		
• William Calhoun Finch Jr.	B.2-11-1958, No. Child's name I Elizabeth Lynn	known issue I daughter. born 12-2-1981 where Clarksdale,Water Valley, Miss.	Betty Elizabeth Houston	m	3-7-1981
		lived at Miss.U.S.A.	B.10-14-1961, died when buried at		
Walter Thomas Calhoun	B.7-6-1884,D.4-2-1957, No. Child's name I Walter Thomas Jr.	known issue I s I dau. born where Glenmora.La. - " -	Georgia Sanders	m	-
		lived at	B. died when buried at		
2 Jean		"			

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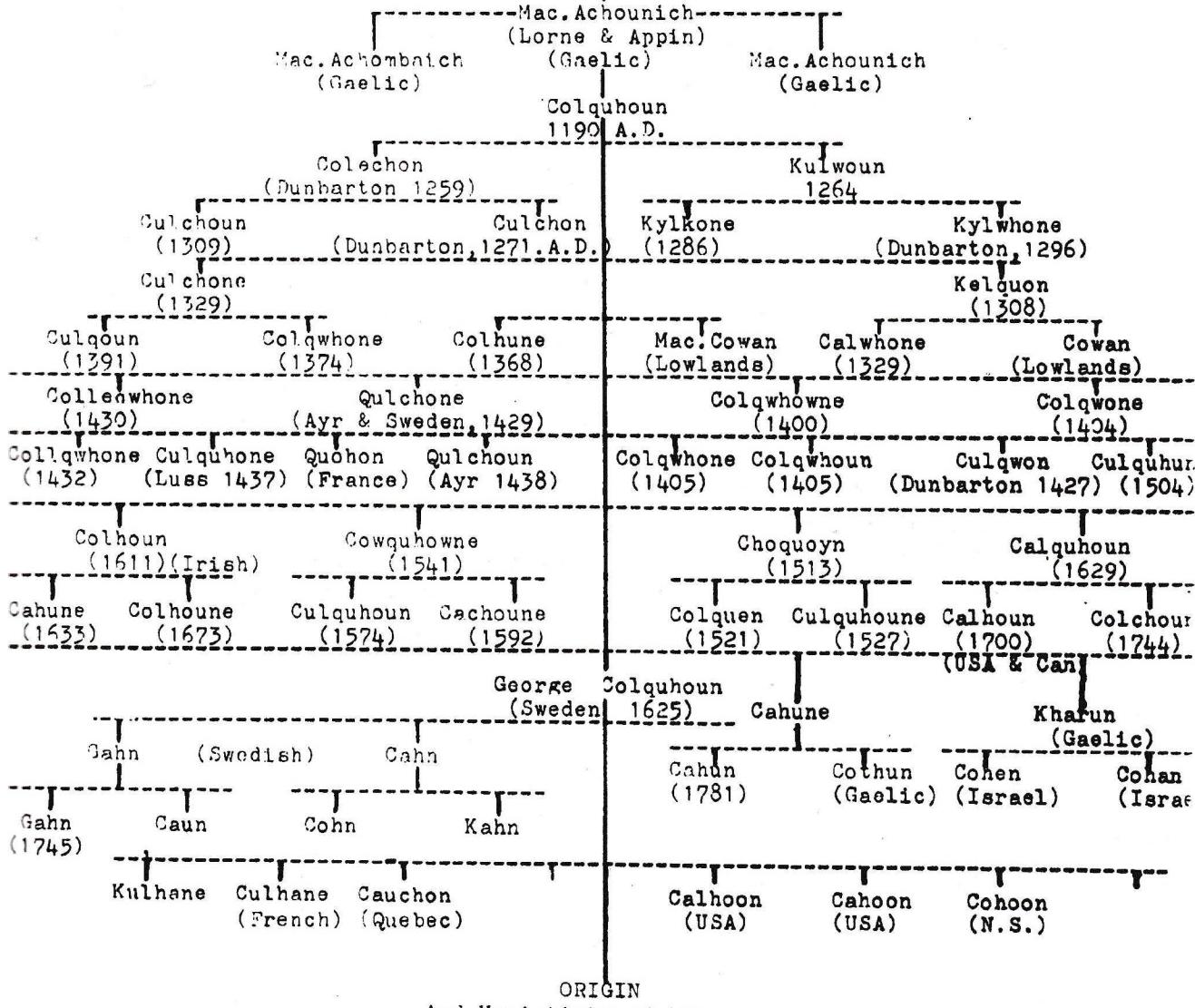
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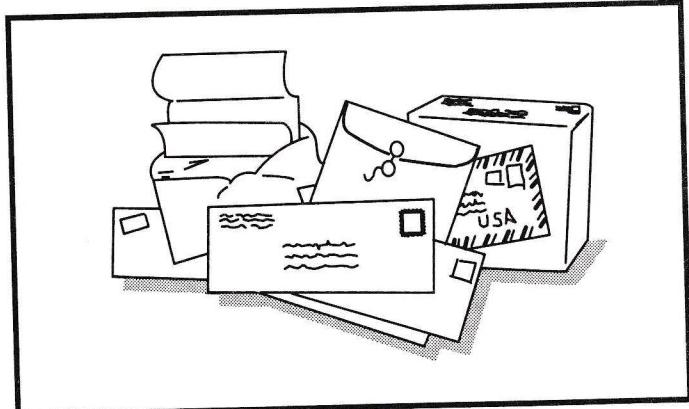
Today, these spellings of our name are called Septs, but actually they are Bonafide Colquhouns or Calhouns, because their name was written down by the Registrars at the Churches & record Offices as they were sounded.

Queries

Pitts, Benson, Wiggins, Wade

Searching for information on **Dr. Minor Wallace Pitts**, who practiced medicine at Fountain Hill, Arkansas, and **Willie Hill Benson**, who was the daughter of **John Porter Benson** and **Mary George Wiggins**. Mary George Wiggins was the daughter of **Samuel Baker Wiggins** and **Mary Fleming Wade Wiggins**. Would like to hear from anyone with information on any of the above people.

Mrs. Esther P. Henry, 609 Lallah St., Pineville, LA 71360.



Mooney, Lowery, Gray, Smith

Seeking information about my great-grandparents, **Albert N. Mooney**, born 1852 in Leake County, Mississippi, died 14 February 1908, Crossett, Arkansas. Probably came to Ashley County after 1895, buried at Simms Cemetery, North Crossett, AR and **Martha Elizabeth Lowery Mooney**, born 1857, died November 1936 in Crossett, Arkansas, also buried at Simms Cemetery. And **J. F. Gray** born 1851, died 1922, Ashley County, Mill Creek Township, Arkansas, buried in Simms Cemetery, and **Elizabeth (Lizzie) Smith Gray**, born 1870, died 1930, buried at Simms Cemetery.

Janet Little, 1731 10th Avenue, East Moline, IL 61244

Sanders, Sims

Interested in all information anyone can furnish about the **Keithly Sanders** and **James Sims** family and also the **Robert and Sarah Sims** families.

Cleo Gray Melendez, 5114 Walnut Park Drive, Santa Barbara, CA 93111-1739.

Walker, Spinks

Searching for information on my grandfather, **George Jenkins Walker** who married **Anetta Spinks** on 27 July 1868, in Lauderdale County, Mississippi some 14 years later with four boys, **John, George, Sam and Neal**, the oldest being 14 years old.

Harold G. Walker, 2 South 660 Angeline Court, Warrenville, IL 60555.

West, Daniel, Mears, Weatherford, Harvey

Searching for information on **William Dudley West**, born ca. 1859-60, son of **Robert J. West** and **Frances Emily Daniel**, married 1st **Catherine Louisa Mears**, 14 July 1881 in Ashley County, AR, 2nd **Sally W. Weatherford**, 13 October 1887 in Drew County, AR, 3rd **Mrs. Mollie Harvey**, 10 January 1895, Drew County, AR. Need children's names, dates of death, place of burial and any other information on any of these people.

Rebecca Brown, 1332 Ferguson Rd., Crossett, AR 71635.

Update

Umbilical Lines and the mtDNA Project

*Contributed by Thomas H. Roderick, Ph.D.**

The umbilical line refers to a single, very specific, matrilineal line—that is, the mother's mother's mother's mother's, ad infinitum. In an ancestral table, it comprises individuals numbered 1, 3, 7, 15, 31, 63, 255, 511, etc. It is analogous to the sequentially paternal line that follows a specific surname over generations. Although genealogists have long been obsessed with patrilineal-surname research, increasing attention has been given to umbilical lines since the early 1970s.

Each human inherits equal portions of nuclear DNA (deoxyribose nucleic acid, the "building blocks" of life) from his or her mother and father. But there are exceptions. One is the tiny but very important mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA), which lies outside the nucleus and is usually transmitted only through the umbilical line. Both males and females inherit it, but only females pass it on. This fraction, vitally important to life, is now the subject of considerable genetic research.

While all humans ultimately derive their mtDNA from the most recently known common umbilical ancestress—dubbed *Eve* in the popular press—slight changes have occurred through time. Thus, most modern individuals have slightly different mtDNA. Distinctions can be precisely described using today's technology, through analysis of the mtDNA's molecular structure. One aspect of interest to geneticists—one that has not been precisely understood or measured—is the relative change (mutation rate) of mtDNA over generations. Present knowledge suggests a mutation rate low enough that any person should have the same mtDNA as a relative with the same umbilical ancestor as far as fifteen to twenty generations removed.

Genealogists have much to offer in mtDNA research. Long and well-documented umbilical lines, coupled with small blood samples from living individuals with

connected lines, can begin to provide information on mutation rates or the rate of change of mtDNA over generations and over time.

Another understandable and fascinating aspect is that, through time, specific changes have developed in specific wedges of Eve's tree of descendants—that is, in racial and ethnic groups. Thus, the mtDNA of racial groups is different, and much information is now being accumulated to describe these ethnic differences. So, for the genealogist, an analysis of the mtDNA of anyone living would reveal the racial and perhaps ethnic background of his or her umbilical line, information well before the time of printed records. A particularly interesting example is that of a woman from Yorkshire who has mtDNA similar to that in some Middle East countries. A significant genealogical and population-genetic question would be "How prevalent is this type of mtDNA in Yorkshire or elsewhere in England, and what does it imply about early migrations and admixture?"

A project is underway to help the geneticist with mutation and ethnic studies and to help the genealogist verify umbilical-line research and determine ethnic origins of umbilical ancestors. Well-documented umbilical lines, eight or more generations in length, will be the most useful; but those of lesser length may also be valuable, depending on the nature of other submissions.

Contributors will be asked to have a small portion of blood taken professionally for analysis, if the line can be shown to connect with another contributed line or if it presents an ethnic origin of interest. DNA analysis will, through the study of similarities, show with high probability whether the ancestral research is genetically valid and will, through the study of differences, provide data on mutation rates. Ethnic origins can be determined in most cases; this is valuable to both the geneticist and the genealogist. Participants will be kept fully apprised of the study as it progresses.

This program began in 1992. Thus far, nearly three hundred pedigrees have been submitted. Most are of New England origin, but a significant portion treats French Canadian background. As of this writing, one solid connection in Massachusetts in the 1600s has been made between two umbilical lines, and blood samples have been drawn for analysis. Another connection linking two people to an umbilical ancestor in early Quebec is under study. Also, several umbilical lines have been established to Priscilla (Mullins) Alden of the *Mayflower*, and efforts are being made to obtain blood samples.

Individuals interested in assisting with this project should submit their documented umbilical lines to the following address:

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